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MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,
Dated 16th February 1939

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith, for the information of Government, copies of S.B. reports Nos.142/38-39 and - 142/38-39 dated the 16th February 1939 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, regarding the proceedings of the meeting held under the - auspices of the Hamilton Building Satyagraha Committee in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Wednesday the 15th February 1939 and the observance of "Hamilton Building Satyagraha" - II Day - 16-2-1939.

Yours sincerely,
M. G. Mehkri
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For perusal.
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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S.B.No.142/38-39.

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At the Square in front of the Central Police Station about 500 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahies arrived followed by about 200 persons. Prominent among them were Messrs.

1. Chamundiah, Bamboo dealer, Mysore.
2. K.Jeevanna Rao, Stationery shop-keeper and Congress Worker.
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5. M.Shama Rao, Sathyagrahi on 15-2-39.
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7. Bhadriah, Editor, "Grama Seva".
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At 8-35 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao brought a card-board on which it was written in bold letters :

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(2) M.N. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ

and gave it to Venkatappa to hold it in his hand. He got two stools also for the two Sathyagrahis to sit, but, they declined to sit on the stools. Then he went away.

By 9 A.M., the crowd decreased to 200 persons. M.Shama Rao was shouting several jais and " ಕ್ಯಾ ಮಿಲ್ ಹತ್ ಅಲಂಗಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಜಯಂಮಿ" at short intervals.

At 10-20 A.M., he shouted " ನಾವು ಹುತೋಗಲಾಚೆಂಡು ಸ್ವರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಪಾದನೆಗಾಗಿ ಚರಕಾ ರೇಟ್ಲುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹಂಚಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ಮುಂದಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ. ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಹುಡಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ.

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At 11-25 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and asked the two Sathyagrahies to take tiffin. They declined.

At 12-10 P.M., some tiffin was brought by a servant of Mr. Nagaraja Setty, jeweller, Dodpet, and given to the two Sathyagrahies.

At 12-15 P.M., T.Rajam Setty (Secretary of the Mysore Ediga Yuvaka Sangha) came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahies, went away.

At 12-40 P.M., Gopala Rao (brother of Vishkanta Rao, Lavani Singer) came and gave some aerated water to the two Sathyagrahies to drink and went away.

At 1-40 P.M., Venkatagiriappa and A.Shivanna came and having spoken for a few minutes went away

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At 2-10 P.M., several School boys assembled at the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station and went on shouting several jais and " [illegible]

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B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came at the same time and took away the umbrella which he had given to the Sathyagrahies.

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S.B. No. 142 /38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held under the auspices of the "Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee", Mysore, in the Subbarayanakere Maidan on Wednesday the 15th February 1939 at 7 P.M. About 1500 people had assembled.

Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Congressman, and Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, spoke thus:-

request you all to kindly take your seats and conduct yourselves peacefully as the people conducted in Sivapura Convention. To-day in Mysore you have a great example. The secret nobody knows among you. I think it will be good if if I tell you. Now there is no time for speech. Everybody likes to be practical instead of simply talking about things. Previously we were having large gatherings. Many were coming forward to lecture. But nobody has come here since there is no time for speech. Everybody is anxious to work. That is the significance of this meeting. I will tell you a few words about to-day's Sathyagraha. At 8 O'clock in the morning there was much enthusiasm among our youngmen. People from all corners came to ask about what would happen about the building. There was much anxiety in the minds of the people about the consequences of this Sathyagraha. But so far things have gone smoothly. This Sathyagraha is not to be compared to small things. It is fit to be compared to Mahabharatha where the battle took place between Panduvas and Kauruvas. Nobody has seen the event; but everyone has heard, or read. But to-day the drama is enacted before your eyes. Yesterday when I went home after the meeting I remembered the puranic episode very well. That Bharatha war has begun now. There are 5 members in the Sathyagraha Committee. Their names you must take as names of the Panduva party. But you may wonder which is the Kaurava party. It is nothing but our Police and the Government. Now there is much work in the Congress. The first thing that lies in our way is the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. There are many young and enthusiastic people who have come from villages and there are many more people in the eight

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Mr.Chickrudrappa, Bukanakere, Devanhalli Taluk, spoke thus:-

I had no occasion to speak in such a large gathering as this. But due to sheer love of my country I have come here to speak. I thank Mr.Suryanarayana Rao for giving me this opportunity. Formerly the administration of the Government was in the hands of able and intelligent people. Now we have come to have a Government which is talked about by everyone of us. In the last session of the Legislative Council, Mrs.Yashodaramma Dasappa brought a cut motion about the object of the Government in naming the building after Mr. Hamilton. She said that it has created much dissatisfaction among the people and that it should be removed immediately. To that, the Dewan

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I want to make a request. My brothers are sitting before the Hamilton Building. Instructions have been given to sit there till 8 O'clock and not to stir out till then. They will shortly come here. After some deciaions we will proceed with our usual programme. We thought that the Government was powerful and they would arrest us yesterday evening or at least this morning. But they thought if they arrest one person others would follow and hence the number would increase. That is why they have not arrested anybody. This remembers of a story about a Rakshasa who had extraordinary power. If blood dropped from his body, so many Rakshasas would be born from each drop of blood. He could not be killed. So also our Satyagraha has that power. If the Government raise their hands, thousands of people would stand against them. That is why they have not raised their hands on our Satyagrahis. That is due to your support which has given us immense power. We thought that they were courageous. But no, it reveals that they are not. Hence we have to change our programme a little bit. If they had arrested the situation would have taken a different turn. It would have helped us in achieving our object. Let the Satyagrahis come here and then we will change our programme. With your blessings they went this morning. They will return very shortly. Both young and old have assembled here. I request you all to keep silence and

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It is already time. I do not want to take much of your time. The Sathyagrahies are coming on the way. You must maintain perfect peace and order. I think there will not be any need for us to make more speeches. Because this is the time for action. Moreover, our C.I.Ds. spend many pages of paper to take down our notes. The paper is paid from our own money. So we should not make more speeches. Mr.T.Ramachandra Rao is our God. He has got a divine power. Whatever programme he chats out he sees that it is carried to a success. (At this time, the Sathyagrahies came in a procession and joined the meeting with several cries of Jai.) I will tell you an incident that happened a few years ago. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao wanted to start a Paper called"Kaniyara Pathrike". He asked the Government for permission. If we do a good thing they get wild. " ಮಾಂಸ, ಉಪದ್ರವ ಬಂದು ತಗುಲಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೆ ". They did not give permission. Then Tagadur Ramachandra Rao offered Sathyagraha. I was a pet follower of Tagadur. So I knew his mind very well. He started the paper. He used coarse materials in print and publishing the paper. Because the object was to violate their order rather than to circulate the paper. The Police came and surrounded his house. His house did not contain any bomb or sword. He was in the house when the Police entered the house. At 12-30 P.M. they had come. They wanted the printing materials. They were given accordingly. They wanted the original pencil draft also. It was also given. But why should they not have gone away? They drank water, also. While they were about to go away they saw a paper packet lying in a corner. They suspected it to be something and ordered a Constables to pick it. But

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally* noted S.B. reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, regarding the proceedings of the meetings held in the places noted against each.

S.B. No.	Date	Place.
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Yours sincerely,
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
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S.B. No. 178 /38-39.

Copy of the report received from the Police Inspector, Gundlupet Taluk, dated 12-2-1939.

PROCEEDINGS OF the meeting held at Hire-Kati village on 11-2-1939 at 10-45 A.M. About 35 persons attended.

After singing of lavani by Vishkanta Rao of Mysore, MR. THIPPANNA SASTRY of Dharwar. spoke thus :-

I have come here from Dharwar - a distance of 500 Miles. We are all required to fight out for our country. Your every vote is the foundation stone for establishing "Swaraj". To achieve Swaraj you will have to vote for Congress. Slavery is like being animals. " ನಾನು ಹಾಂಗಿಲಿ ಹಿಂಬುದಿಂ ಕಿಕು ಮ್ಮ ಶಿ ". I will not advise you to lose your wealth like Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru. I never ask you to receive lathi charge from the Police. The Government is carried on by the money you pay as land revenue. If people do not exist, where does Kingdom or Administrators exist. If you vote for Congress, we represent your grievances before the Government, fight with them and get your rights. If you want to see that you are not slaves, you must vote for Congress. If the audience here, were more dense, I would have spoken more details. I hope you will give your vote only to the Congress and support Congress.

The meeting terminated at 11-45 A.M.

The party having proceeded to Chik-Kati village held a meeting at the Chavadi at 12-55 P.M. About 200 persons attended.

After the singing of lavani by Vishkanta Rao of Mysore, MR. THIPPANNA SASTRY of Dharwar, spoke thus :-

All of us have to unite together to get liberated from the danger that has happened. I have come here from Dharwar - from a distance of 500 miles. All of us belong to one and the same - country. We are not sufficiently educated. We have not read big books. We are afraid of the police. You have also been like this. You need not fear. Congress removes all such fears. So, you should all join Congress. Your country is being looted. To put a stop to this, Congress has started its activities. What has

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MR. MALLAPPA, of Begur(now at Bombay), next spoke thus :- I have nothing to tell you anything more. I was at Bombay. I am a native of your Taluk. We have to fight notwithstanding various difficulties to see that our children are happy. We have to - consider and work. I request you not to vote for anybody excepting Congress.

Advocate MR. T.MARIAPPA, of Mysore, next spoke thus :-

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The meeting terminated at 2-5 P.M.

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PROCEEDINGS of the meeting held at Tondavadi near the temple, on 11-2-1939, at 3-20 P.M. About 15 persons attended.

Advocate MR. T.MARIAPPA, of Mysore spoke thus :-

It is strange that there are no people here at all. You should bring more people. We have come here for the reddressment of your troubles. Mr. Venkata Setty has stood as a candidate for the bye-election. He is a man of your Taluk. He will fight out for you with the Government. Congress has started to ward off the difficulties of the ryots. I hope that you will vote for Congress only, for which I thank you.

The meeting terminated at 3-50 P.M.

The party then proceeded to Kamarahalli village, where a meeting was held at the village chavadi at 4-30 P.M. About 70 persons including children attended.

MR. MALLAPPA, of Begur,(now at Bombay) spoke thus :-

I have come from Bombay - a distance of 800 miles. I am not new to this place since I am the native of this Taluk. We have come here to-day to request you all to give your votes to Mr. Venkata Setty on behalf of the Congress. You might have heard about Congress through news papers & other sources. Mahatma Gandhi is a prominent person. Mysore Congress was established following his foot prints. Diminishing the land revenue, reducing the heavy salaries of officers, & effecting certain other reforms as are required, are the main principles of Congress. Mr. Vakil Mariappa and Sahukar Channian have come with me to day. You will have to give up your caste feelings and vote for Congress, for the ensuing election on the 18th. We are not against Government. We want that certain reforms should be introduced. Now Messrs: Channiah and Mariappa will speak. request you to give a patient hearing

SAHUKAR S.CHANNIAH, of Mysore, next spoke thus :-

Mahatma Gandhi has been working for the up-lift-ment of Harijans. These Harijans were formerly called as Holeyars, & Madigars. They used to & are still eating beaf & drink toddy.

So, you too should not treat them with contempt. We have come here this day to ask you to give your votes to Mr. Venkata Setty. Congress is for the up-liftment of the ryots, in the matter of education, food and drink, as well as their clothing. You pay the land revenue to the Government. In return, what is the benefit you are deriving at? The Dewan is taking a salary of Rs 5000, Likewise other Officers have been taking heavy salaries. The amount you pay towards land revenue is being wasted in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore, for tarring the roads, electricity etc. You must know that the Government Officers are your servants. The Sub Division Officer and the Amildar who goes over to your village once in a year or so for the collection of taxes do not care to enquire into your difficulties at all. To set right these things Congress has begun to work. I request you all to vote for Congress and thereby strengthen it.

Advocate MR. T.MARIAPPA, next spoke thus :-

Gandhi is a Hindu, and not a Mahammadan. With a view that Harijans would be converted to Christianity, he worked a great deal obstructing the same. The administration is not being carried on by His Highness. It is only through the land tax that you pay that Government is maintained. Government were requested to remove toddy shops; but it was replied that a great income would be lost. You are afraid of the Police and run away by their appearance. You should not do so. During the representative Assembly, we requested for the reduction of land taxes, providing schools in villages, providing some more wells etc. Nothing has been done till now in this respect. Whether there is rain or not and whether the ryot is capable of paying or not the land revenue will be collected mercilessly. You should give up wearing foreign cloth & ~~foreignmat~~ give up purchasing foreign materials. You must believe in Congress. The very colours of the Congress flags indicate as follows :-

White - purity of mind
Green - ~~Self sacrifice~~ Unity
Red - Self sacrifice.

If Government Officers abuse you, you should take it

it very ~~coolly~~ calmly. Mahatma Gandhi is the son of Rajakote Dewan and he was a Barrister. Now he has been working for the country that too for the betterment of the condition of the ryots. You must wake up and conduct yourselves like wise men. In the Representative Assembly there are 130 Congress Members. After the recent disturbances at Vidurashwatha Government sent for Vallabhai Patel and effected a compromise between the Congress and themselves as a result of which we were set free. You have to form Congress Committees in villages. The president of the Congress is Mr. T. Siddalingiah. I request you all to vote for Congress only.

Mr. Venkatappa Setty then requested the people to give their votes for him.

The meeting terminated at 5-30 P.M. with cries of several Jais.

After the meeting was over, the party passed via Arepura and Horeyala where they requested the people to vote for Mr. Venkatappa Setty, on behalf of the Congress.

Sd/- K.G.Ramachandra Rao,
Sub Inspector of Police,
Gundlupet South, 12-2-39.

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.
14-2-1939.

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S E C R E T.

S.B. No. 181/38-39.

Copy of the report received from the Police Inspector, Gundlupet Taluk, Dated 13-2-1939.

PROCEEDINGS of the Public meeting held at the motor stand, Gundlupet, on 12-2-1939 at 7-20 P.M. About 200 persons attended the meeting.

Advocate MR. S.RANGARAMIAH, of Mysore, spoke thus :-

In Mysore State, Congress is fighting since 2 years for Responsible Government. Venkata Setty is a candidate who has stood for the bye-election. Please give votes only to Congress Candidates. Congress is an association constituted to better the condition of the poor ryots. Government is maintained by the revenue paid by the ryots., and not bither by the Dewan, or the Maharaja or Police. Ryots toil day and night and out of their hard earned money, pay the Government revenue. It is from the Government revenue the salaries of the Officers are met. Such being the case, the present officers do not take any responsibility or interest in the affairs of the poor ryots. The Government Officials should know that they are the servants of the ryots. The present Government Officers are ruling with a repressive policy. At Madras, owing to Congress Ministry, the Minister who is selected from among the people, is paid a salary of Rs 500/-. In Mysore State the Dewan gets a salary of Rs 5000/- and other officers take salaries like 2,000/- etc. Owing to the existence of an elected Minister in Madras, the revenue has been reduced to 4 annas in a rupee. In Mysore, the Ministers are elected by the Maharaja. We want Responsible Government. Congress is fighting for the last 1½ years for Responsible Government. You must encourage Congress and vote for it. Then only you will get freedom (Claps)

HUBLI MALLAPPA, Congress-Member, Dharwar, next spoke thus :-

I have come here to render my services to you. You must give your votes to Congress as it has brought fame through-out India.(Claps). You must give reverence to Congress(Claps). Kabbally Channabasappa is my friend. As Mr. Kongalappa do not value Congress Members, we have arranged certain other person to stand as a Candidate for the bye-election of the Representative Assembly. There is no distinction of caste or creed in Congress. All are equals. Hence you must give your votes to Congress only without minding the distinction of caste or creed (Claps). Congress is not working with any prejudice towards a

a particular caste, but, for the people. You should all treat Mr. Venkata Setty with respect. You must try to get Responsible Government soon. We have come here to enlighten people from their darkness and reddress their grievances. The money collected from you in the shape of land revenue, is spent by the Government Servants as they like. There are a number of loop holes in the Government which they should rectify. There are several Judges in our State who are not giving proper sentences on account of their being partial towards Government. You should give your votes to Congress only (Claps).

MR. T.MARIAPPA, Advocate, Mysore, spoke thus :-

All of you must join Congress. There is a lot of encouragement to Congress. If Mr. Venkata Setty had gone to the people and requested them for votes, being a non-member of the Congress, surely he would not have succeeded. The present Assembly Members are partial towards Government. They are not representing the difficulties of the ryots before the Government. Last year Mr. Munivenkatappa stood as a Candidate for the assembly. None gave him votes (Claps). After I joined Congress, I learnt much about Congress. As I know, many D.S.P's when they were in service, were being respected well and after retirement, even Constables who worked under them, are not caring for them. This is the result of service. But as regards Congress, this is not the case. All are alike. There is no distinction of ranks. Always we must try to secure the blessings of the God. You must give votes to Congress. It is only the Congress that helps you. Since the past two years, Government gave a lot of troubles to the Congress. After-wards they effected compromise with the Congress. You must give your votes to Venkata Setty who is a Congress Member and thereby help Congress. 130 Congress Members have decided not to go to the Dewan's table for lunch during Assembly. Soon after they are given shake-hands the Members forget the subjects they have to speak. This will not be the case with the Congress Members. Hence, you must all join Congress and vote for Congress (Claps).

Advocate Mr. S.RANGARAMIAH, again spoke thus :-

Since the past 8 or 10 days we are touring in villages and have become tired. There are many people encouraging Lingayets, thereby intending not to vote for other caste persons. You should not care for caste or creed. The whole State must join together. Many Congress leaders in India lost their

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MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,

Dated 18th Feb. 1939.

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No. 6651

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith S.B. Report No.182/38-39 dated 18-2-1939 received from the Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, regarding the public meeting held at Terakanambi Shandy (Gundlupet Taluk), on 16th February 1939, for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

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RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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SECRET.

S.B. No. 182 /38-39.

Copy of the report received from the Police Inspector, Gundlupet Taluk Dated 17-2-39.

PROCEEDINGS of the Public meeting held at Terakanambi Shandy on 16-2-39 at 12-30 P.M. About 100 persons attended the meeting.

Advocate Mr. T.MARIAPPA, of Mysore, spoke thus :-

The object of Congress is to achieve Responsible Government thereby doing good to the people of the State. Mr. Venkata Setty is a Candidate for the Assembly and District Board, who has stood on behalf of the Congress. The election is on the 18th inst. You must give your votes to Mr. Venkatasetty and see that he comes out successful.

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MR. S.NIJALINGAPPA, Advocate, Chitaldrug, next spoke thus :-

Congress was started about 52 years back. Many people have sacrificed their lives ever since that time. Inspite of this Congress people do not fear. All of you should join Congress and vote for Mr. Venkata Setty without bearing in mind the distinctions of caste or creed, and thus help in the achievement of Responsible Government.

MR. THIPPANNA SASTRY, next spoke thus :-

A revenue of 3½ crores of rupees is being collected from the subjects of our State. The salaries of the Government servants is met out of this amount. The Prime Minister of Madras gets a salary of Rs 5000/- where as in Mysore State the Dewan gets a salary of Rs 5000/-. Owing to the high salaries drawn by the Officers, the ryots are ruined. Such things will not exist if the Ministers are elected from among the people. I request all of you to give your votes to Mr. Venkata Setty, on behalf of Congress.

MR. M.C.MALLAPPA, next spoke thus :-

To achieve Responsible Government you must vote for Congress. It is by achieving Responsible Government that your difficulties will be solved. Mr. Venkata Setty has stood as a candidate for the election. I request you all to vote for him on behalf of Congress.

MR. H.C.DASAPPA, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus :-

To lessen the revenue and to reddress your difficulties you must achieve Responsible Government. To achieve Responsible Government, you must all vote for Mr. Venkata Setty, who has stood as a Candidate for the election, and thereby support the congress.

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The meeting terminated at 4-30 P.M., with cries of several Jais.

Sd/- Venkatagiriappa
Daffedar No. 26.
Gundlupet North.
17-2-39.

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H. Ramachandra

I/C. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.
18-2-39.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT.

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Dated Kolar, the 18th February 1939.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER OF COUNCIL
FEB 22 1939
No. 6690

Dear Sir,

I enclose herein, for the information of Government, a copy of the extract from the report of the Police Inspector, Goribidnur Taluk, received with the letter No:S.B.195/38-39 dated 16th February 1939, from the District Superintendent of Police, Kolar District.

Yours sincerely,

SECOND MEMBER
27 FEB 1939
No. 7947

To
Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Extract from the S.B. Weekly report for the week ending 14th February 1939 of the Police Inspector, Goribidnur Taluk.

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Political:- (Congress).

There was a meeting of all the congress committee Secretaries of the thirty congress committees at Marlur in the house of Parsvanathiya. They checked the accounts and passed a resolution that Mr. K. T. Bashyam should be elected as the President of the convention. It was also resolved that they must start collecting subscription commencing from Vatadahosahalli, in pursuance of which G. Venkatasami Gowda, Narasiappa and Ramaswami went there also. Some subscriptions about Rs.20/- appear to have been collected. The net amount so far collected, as far as information goes is a very modest sum of three or four hundreds only. It is gathered that Mr. M. N. Aswathanaraniah and Kallur Subba Rao of Hindupur have promised to exert themselves and collect subscriptions. So far, they do not seem to have really collected anything substantial. Both of them are otherwise busy and are out of headquarters. If the informants can be believed, Mr. Thimma Reddi expressed despondent views, very lately, about his capacity to summon monetary help. There is no progress at"Vidurapura." Leaders here express that it is too early to take up construction work. Mr. Thimma Reddi is making anxious requests to Chengalaraya Reddi to come here and to enable him to gather money, seeing his personal inability to command things and man here. Here -- and there, these Reddi brothers have expressed their indignation that Government servants have adopted tactics and won over leaders, but still, they do not feel dispirited. Ultimately, they expect the people will rally round and towards that end they are using their tactics also. When questioned what their method is, -- Thimma Reddi said that people appear to have been afraid of the Police and Revenue officers but they will disabuse the public - mind of this. He also expressed that people do respond if they are asked to postpone payment of revenue, as the same thing is before the assembly also already. It was gathered from the Patel of Hampasandra that revenue defaulters expressed that in case --

coercive steps are taken and if criminal cases are launched, - Nagiya Reddi has promised free defence before courts, to them. This fact seems to be true and in a private case launched by - Babi Reddi against Hampasandra villagers - four persons - the accused have been refusing to attend the court or take processes. There seems to be a lively hope among congressites that though they may not be able to collect money, they can ruffle up the spirit of the ryots to create deadlocks. In the villages of Hampasandra, Chandandoor and Kurudi, no collection has been - possible so far - of either arrears or current. There was a - shisper of a suspicion that Nagakumariah of Idagur and Malliya of Hampasandra have been advising people to delay revenue payments. This is being verified. I think the emphasis laid by Chengalaraya Reddi in his latest speech - about "June 1940" etc., will cause some repercussions. There is a loose talk here and there that some tax payers have replied to Patels that three-fourths of the revenue due may be collected, but in no quarters defiant spirit towards Patels is shown.

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It is gathered that the congressites G. Venkatasami Gowda, Narasiappa and Ramaswami and Chikkanna will move about in the area of Nagaragere Hobli for some time more. To-day they have gone from Vatadahosahalli to Nagaragere. The publication of the congress speeches and resolutions in all vernacular papers has a very deep psychological effect, especially in the absence of any critical review of such speeches by cooler -- politicians or reviewers or editors. The speeches go about as gospels to the villagers.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,
Dated 18th February 1939.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT
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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith, for the information of Government, copies of S.B. reports Nos.142/38-39 and -- 142/38-39 dated the 17th February 1939 received from the - District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, regarding the proceedings of the meeting held under the - auspices of the Hamilton Building Satyagraha Committee in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore on Thursday the - 16th February 1939 and the observance of "Hamilton Building Satyagraha" - III Day - 17-2-1939.

Yours sincerely,
M. G. Mehkri
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For perusal.
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
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S.B. No. 142/38-39.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - IIIrd day - 17-2-1939.

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About 50 persons mostly boys assembled in the maidan.

At 8 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, said thus :-

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The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis and the procession started followed by about 50 persons. Most of them were boys. A.V.Chikkarudrappa carried the pot and the brush and M.Shama Rao carried the flag. T.Narayana Gowda carried nothing.

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S.B. No. 142\38-39.

Daily report.

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vilas Agrahar, Santhepet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet and arrived near the Central Police Station at 8-25 A.M.

On the way there were shouts of jais and " ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಜಾಯ್ ಜಯ್ ಜಯ್ ಜಯ್ " prompted by M.Shama Rao.

At the square in front of the Central Police Station about 400 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived - followed by about 100 persons. Prominent among them were :-

1. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
2. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee
3. K.V.Veerappa, Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
4. Shambhulingiah, unemployed and Congress worker.
5. Venkatagiriappa, cocoanut seller, Devaraj Market, Mysore.
6. Bhadriah, Editor "Grama Seva".
7. Eswara Rao (Brother of Vishkanta Rao - Lavani Singer).
8. M.N.Venkatappa, Sathyagrahi on 16-2-1939.
9. H.Hanumanthiah, Sathyagrahi on 16-2-1939.
10. Javare Gowda of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk.

Adequate Police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station.

When the Sathyagrahis came near the Central Police Station to enter into the building, they were told that they cannot do so. They said that they wanted to go up the building to white wash the name "Hamilton Building". They were not allowed by the police. The two Sathyagrahis asked the Police Officers to white wash the name board themselves or to allow them to have it white washed. Admission was refused. There-up-on the two Sathyagrahis sat on the edge of the foot-path just in front of the building keeping the pot and the brush by their side. They refused to sit in the place where the Sathyagrahi-s were sitting on 15-2-39 and 16-2-39.

M.Shama Rao, shouted several jais and " ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಜಾಯ್ ಜಯ್ ಜಯ್ ಜಯ್ ". At the direction given by the Police to keep the road clear the crowd went and stood on the vacant sites opposite the build-ing.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd thus :-

" To day is the IIIrd Day of the Sathyagraha. The Sathyagrahis are basking in the hot sun. Their suffering will really recoil on His Highness (ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬಿಸಿಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿರುವ ಕಷ್ಟ ತಟ್ಟಿ ——). The Board "Hamilton Building" were in two places as was seen yesterday i.e.,

i.e., one on the building and the other Contractor's Board hung to a pole in the southern side of the vacant site adjoining the Station Building. This latter Board has been removed all on a sudden. This shows that our Sathyagraha observed for the last two days has brought some success. You must all have discipline. All of you must stand on the vacant sites. Do not come to the road leaving that place. You must all stay here in a peaceful manner till 6 P.M. This is my earnest appeal. To-day the two Sathyagrahis have advanced one step further. Do not use vulgar words".

Then he shouted several jais and " [illegible] ".

At 8-30 A.M., M.Shama Rao brought the Congress Flag and gave it to the hands of T.Narayana Gowda with instructions to hold it, when the Vishvakarnataka Correspondent took the photo of the two Sathyagrahis.

At 8-35 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and took away the Congress Flag which T.Narayana Gowda was holding.

At 8-40 A.M., the crowd decreased to 250 persons.

At 8-55 A.M., M.Shama Rao came and handed over the pla-card to A.V.Chikkarudrappa. On it were written the names of the two Sathyagrahis.

At 9 A.M., M.N.Jois came and after seeing the two Sathyagrahis and enquiring their native places went away.

At 9-5 A.M., News papers were brought and given to the two Sathyagrahis by M.Shama Rao.

At 9-20 A.M., Javare Gowda of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis for a while, he went away.

The crowd decreased to 100 persons.

From 9-40 A.M., to 11 A.M., about 10 boys went round the Central Police Station Building at short intervals shouting several jais and " [illegible] ".

At 9-45 A.M., M.Shama Rao and H.Hanumanthiah, Sathyagrahis

of 15-2-39 and 16-2-39 respectively came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

T.Narayana Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 10 A.M., S.R.Srinivasa Rao (Congress worker, VIII Ward, Bangalore City) came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

Plantains and oranges were brought and given to the two Sathyagrahis by one among the crowd.

At 10-45 A.M., A.V.Chikkarudrappa went to ease himself in the Conservancy lane to the east of the Central Police Station. While he was returning, M.Shama Rao met him on the way and both of them were talking for about 5 minutes. Then Chikkarudrappa came and sat at the place.

At 11-30 A.M., M.Shama Rao wrote in chalk piece on the tar road in front of the Central Police Station thus :- [illegible] M.Shama Rao - Hamilton Building". After a few minutes he drew a line across the words " Hamilton Building".

The two Sathyagrahis were behaving in such a manner as not to be peaceful. They were endeavouring to leave their places and manage to go to the verandah of the Central Police Station. Moving back-wards they came close to the steps. As there was police guard, they could not achieve their object.

When Mr. P.F.Bowring - retired Inspector-General of Police passed in front of the Central Police Station, the boys prompted by M.Shama Rao shouted " [illegible]

At 11-50 A.M., M.Shama Rao and Javare Gowda came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-20 P.M., when B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came, he was told by Inspector Mr. N.S.Subbanna that as Convener he should see that the boys and Sathyagrahis behave properly and they should not be let loose to misbehave in the manner they were acting. There-up-on he advised the Sathyagrahis not to move from their place and to stick

stick on to the prescribed conditions. He further requested them to sit in the place where the other two Sathyagrahis were sitting on 15-2-39 and 16-2-39. The Sathyagrahis said that they would not go and sit there as desired by him. Then he went away informing that he would bring an umbrella.

At 1-45 P.M., A.V.Chikkarudrappa wrote a letter to A.Veeranna General merchant, Boodigere requesting him to send Rs 2/- to meet his expenses here

At 2-10 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came with an umbrella and gave it to the Sathyagrahis with instructions to hold it. They declined. He told them that they should abide by his directions.

At 2-45 P.M., A.Shivanna (Plantain seller) and A.Ramanna (Un-employed and Congress worker) came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

From 4 P.M., the crowd gradually increased. M.Shama Rao and Javare Gowda came and having spoken for a few minutes to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 4-15 P.M., about 10 boys holding a Congress Flag went towards St. Philomena Church shouting several jais and " [illegible] ". They returned at 4-40 P.M.

At 4-20 P.M., M.Shama Rao shouted " [illegible] ".

At 4-40 P.M., M.Shama Rao accompanied by about 20 boys holding a Congress Flag went round the Central Police Station shouting several jais and " [illegible] ". Hearing this, A.Ramanna (Congress worker) objected Shama Rao for having made shouts against the police and advised him to behave better. Then Shama Rao with-drew from the procession and the rest of the boys went in procession in Irwin Road.

At 5-45 P.M., two European gentlemen passed in front of the Central Police Station Building. M.Shama Rao shouted " Down with Hamilton".

At 5-55 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd (about 1,000 in number) :-

" This day's Sathyagraha will come to an end at 6 P.M. There is a public meeting in the Subbarayanakere maidan at 6-30 P.M. All of you are requested to come there. All of you should keep to your left and proceed to the meeting place peacefully. There also you should maintain peace".

At 6 P.M. both the Sathyagrahis left their sitting place taking away the brush and the pot containing chunam and proceeded to Subbarayanakere maidan followed by many persons. The crowd dis--persed. The Police have stood firm and shown exemplary patience on all these days.

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
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Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Thursday the 16th February 1939. About 1,500 persons attended the meeting. The meeting commenced at 6-50 P.M.

After the singing of the national song by a small boy aged about 6 years, Mr. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor,Kalabhavanam, Mysore, spoke thus.-

The Sathyagraha of to-day has been successful as that of yesterday. Till now, we have not met with any kind of disturbance; on the other hand the Sathyagraha has become successful with the help of your blessings. According to our programme the Sathyagrahies had to observe Sathyagraha till 8 P.M. But from to-day we have decided that they should observe Sathyagraha till 6 P.M. only. To-day the Sathyagraha was observed till 6 P.M. The speeches will be delivered under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee. We are getting much ehlp from Bangalore and other districts of the State. In "Tai Nadu", there was an item of news that about 140 volunteers would be coming to Mysore in order to participate in the Sathyagraha. The information is a correct one. The Jana Jagrathi Sangha wanted to hold a meeting in this same place this day. Sri. Mirajkar of Bombay has come. He had come to this place some few days back and delivered a speech in this place. Mr. Ramaswami of Bangalore has also come. He represents the youth of Bangalore. Now I want to say that both the meetings of Jana Jagrathi Sangha and Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee will be held in this same place and they will be amalgamated into one meeting. Yesterday some of you might have heard the speech of Mr.Javare Gowda, a man from the village of Nagamangala Taluk. Many people requested me to ask him to speak to-day also. Mr. Javare Gowda is an enthusiastic youth. He wanted to participate in the Sathyagraha yesterday alone. But some of us placed some obstructions for the work that he wanted to do. Now, he will speak for some time about "Hamilton Building" and some other matters. (Then he appealed to the people to sit down and hear the speech peacefully).

Mr. Javare Gowda of Nagamangala Taluk next spoke thus.-

Strength must join strength. Then only our fight will be successful. Mr.Mirajkar of Bombay has come here. Being an uneducated person, I am afraid to speak in this big assembly.One prominent member of the Sathyagraha Committee has asked me to speak here. But I am very much afraid to deliver a lecture. The villagers labour very hard; but it is enjoyed by the people of Cities. All the modern and scientific conveyances may not be helpful for us as our plough in times of need. Yesterday I told you something. We have learnt in our school career that Mysore is Rama Rajya, and a wonderful land. Almost all the roads have been tarred, such as 100ft road and etc. Many Government guests coming from foreign places such as Bombay and etc. have given certificates to the Government about their efficiency in the administration. What do we find here? We see innumerable motor cars going on a very high speed along the tar roads. The Officers along with their wives clad in gaudy dress will be seen in the motor cars. In villages, the people are suffering from want of food and water. The Taluk Amildars are worse than the Pathans, in collecting the revenue. This Hamilton Building has been built from the revenue collected in that manner. About Rs.50,000/- have been spent upon this building. We are paying him a huge salary with a view that he might govern the country very well. But what have we got in return? He has served section 144 Cr.P. C. upon Mr.Dasappa and others and has ordered to open fire on the people in places like Viduraswatha. These people do not care for the welfare of the villagers. When the boundary line of the field (ಹೊಲ) begins to eat up the crop of the field, what can be done? The present administration of our country is like that. When the governing people themselves give a lot of trouble to the people, what can the people do? This Government do not care to provide facilities for the villagers to eke out their livelihood. The Government do not know as to why we are observing Sathyagraha with great unity. We are observing it with a view to erase the name Hamilton Building and we expected

expected some arrests during our performance of Sathyagraha. But we were not arrested at all. If a person murders another he will be awarded some punishment. But what kind of punishment is given for the people who killed 32 people in Viduraswatha? There is no justice in this world. Justice has gone to dogs. If we work well in unity, we will surely get Responsible Government and also we will be able to erase the name "Hamilton Building". This country is very well known as Rama Rajya. But there are no persons who look after the welfare of the people. Many educated people like Lawyers and others are looting the people in many intelligent ways. The boys of the villages abuse the villagers after being educated in Cities. The lawyers form a great number of people, who will loot the ryots, and in that respect they prove traitors to their own country. The havoc of the Shanbhogues in the villages is very great. He has to be given some produce and also some vegetables such as tomatoes, potatoes and etc. But the ryot has to be satisfied with horsegram. [Then he gave the example of Linganna and Shivanna, the ryots who were completely ruined by the lawyers.] (Mr.Subbaraya Upadhyaya introduced the Sathyagrahies of the day to the public and said that they were very much tired since they had to sit in the hot sun. The names of the Sathyagrahies are M.N.Venkatappa of the Yuvaka Sangha and H.Hanumanthiah of the Yuvaka Sangha. He said that it was their duty to express their gratitude and joy to the Sathyagrahies and then requested the people to allow them to go to their house and take rest).(Then the Sathyagrahies went away). The Shanbhogue figures very much in the village, especially in quarrels. He will receive money for writing up petitions and then he will take the ryots to advocates like H.C.Dasappa. Many a time the ryots will meet their conveyance and Lawyer charges by selling their small lands which are the only property. ~~of them~~. Sometime back there was an article in the Newspapers about the Police. They do not care for the people at all. Simply they will turn the lathies and sometimes they will open fire. That is their work. And sometimes they serve 144 Cr.P.C. I request

request all of you to buy Swadeshi goods only. The people of [illegible] the cities is asked by the Cities will spend much money upon Cinemas and other luxuries. [illegible] But in villages, we earn something by working hard and we will [illegible] has not cared to depend the purchase some commodities which are mostly produced in the village [illegible] such villages. On the other hand he is going itself. Just the water is turned into steam by the hot rays of [illegible] How cunning he is! The villagers do not the sun and the steam becomes cloud which in turn will become anything about his cunning. They are uneducated. I am afraid rain, so also the money that goes from the people must be spent the Dewan does not whether the "[illegible]" is a plant or a tree, for the betterment of the people. How can we pay the revenue if [illegible] we could not get any kind of help from the Government? The Government [illegible] lands, [illegible] know something. [illegible] ment collect the revenue but they do not help the people at all. [illegible] the Government and are ruining it. The Government [illegible] Nearly 50,000 rupees have been spent upon the Hamilton Building. [illegible] the blood of the people like the leeches that suck [illegible] That money has been paid by the people in the form of Revenue. I [illegible] from the sugarcane. I have known that Tippu Sultan [illegible] think you know Mr.Hamilton. He is the same person who said that [illegible] and he began to fight to save the country from [illegible] he would restore peace by shooting 50 persons in the Nariman Dis- [illegible] of the foreigners. But when the Sarvapalli Convention [illegible] turbances of Bangalore. How brave he is! I think that it would [illegible] His Highness was enjoying himself in the Nilgiris [illegible] have been good if there was only one person like Mr.Hamilton in [illegible]. Of course, we will be waiting with patience for the Great War. As I said yesterday, there are butchers who kill [illegible] betterment. But we cannot wait for eternity. There is a animals like sheep and etc., but I have not seen a person who [illegible] for our patience. About all the revenue is spent upon buthchers human being. This man viz. Mr.Hamilton buthhers human [illegible] the salaries of the officials who adorn their [illegible] beings. It is better to build a building near the butchering [illegible] the condition of the villagers is very bad. We want responsible places and name it as Hamilton Building. Now, in the present [illegible] to remedy the defects under which the villagers are circumstances, it would be better to retain the name Central [illegible] This Sathyagraha must not be stopped until the name Police Station or the name Hamilton Building. During our obser- [illegible] Hamilton Building is removed. Such people who kill human vance of Sathyagraha, we expected some arrests. But no arrests beings must not remain in our country. It is our duty to [illegible] are made. The Police are satisfied with turning their lathies [illegible] the name-board is removed. With these words I close [illegible] in this way and that. I can clearly say that there is no "[illegible] speech. [illegible] " in them. When the Congress people tell the Government Officers to take a lesser pay, they do not take it. But the time has arrived to take a lesser pay on account of the poverty of the country. The ryots have been trodden down. There is no honour and respect to them. There may be some rich people who can have good food. But the majority of the people have not got sufficient food. They have to be content with some "[illegible]". Almost all the paddy that comes to Cities like Mysore and Bangalore comes from villages. The rich extract the blood of the poor. The paddy does not grow in the Cities or on Chamundi Hill. The

The villager who supplies food to the cities is asked by the Police roughly to walk on the foot-path. There is no drinking water in many villages. The Dewan has not cared to bestow his attention upon such villages. On the other hand he is going on tour in Hassan. How cunning he is! The villagers do not know anything about his cunningness. They are uneducated. I am afraid the Dewan does not know whether the "ರಾಗಿ" is a plant or a tree. If he is an agriculturist and if he can make up his mind to cultivate some lands, then he can know something. Such fools have filled the Government and are ruining it. The Government have suck up the blood of the people like the machine that takes out juice from the sugarcane. I have known that Tippu Sultan left out his food, and he began to fight to save the country from the hands of the foreigners. But when the Shivapur Convention was going on, His Highness was enjoying himself in the Niligiris and Kemmannagundi. Of course, we will be waiting with patience for our betterment. But we cannot wait for eternity. There is a limit for our patience. Almost all the revenue is spent upon the salaries of the officials who adorn their wives with jewelry. The condition of the villagers is very bad. We want Responsible Government to remedy the defects under which the villagers are suffering. This Sathyagraha must not be stopped until the name-board Hamilton Building is removed. Such people who kill human beings must not remain in our country. It is our duty to see that the name-board is removed. With these words I close my speech.

Mr.Mirajkar of Bombay next spoke thus in English.-

I had spoken here 5 days ago. Then a request was made to me that I should address the working class people in Hindustani. Therefore, I will devote some part of my time to address the working class people in Hindustani. Then I will address others for a few minutes in English. Before I address the Railway Union people, I shall refer to Hamilton Building. I onee again support that movement. I bless the movement with all my heart. It is not a small movement. It is your duty to remove the

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the name-board Hamilton Building. I am sorry that I am not able to participate in it. I am called away by my friends in Bombay. I would have very much liked to participate in the movement. I have sympathy to the States people. Within a short period, the movement of the States people is going to rise and there will be time for us, communists and socialists including myself, to participate in it. I am sure, I can give you an assurance that when the movement begins, Communists and Socialists will come to participate in the struggle of the States people. With these words, I will bless the movement and wish all success for the Sathyagraha. First, I will address the Railway Workers in Hindustani.

(Then he spoke in Hindustani for some time.) (Again he spoke in English).

I have talked a good deal in the last 4 or 5 days. Now I have already addressed in Hindustani. When I spoke last time in this place and even now, I have spoken a lot about organisation of unions of labour classes, its tasks and its objectives. (Mr.A.N. Suryanarayanarao requested Mr.M.N.Jois to translate the speech into Kannada since many people could not understand English. Mr.Jois translated the speech into Kannada.)

I am returning from Kerala after studying the trade union movement and the movement of other associations. Their movement is very great. Then I went to Tellicherry to preside over the Beedi Workers' Conference. The conditions of the Beedi Workers are so bad that they have to work for 12 hours a day upon a daily wage of 4 or 5 annas, and there is a good deal of discontent among them. Very soon they are going to wage a struggle for the increase of their wages in Tellicherry. After presiding over the Beedi Workers' Conference, I addressed a number of meetings of peasants and workers at various centres in the Province of Kerala. Then I went to Cannanore and met the workers there working on looms in the Commonwealth Trust Factory. I found there, the conditions of the workers working in that factory who produced such fine - Cannanore cloth was as bad as that of Beedi Workers of Tellicherry. My Calicut experience was not quite different. The Umbrella Workers, the Textile Workers and other workers, all of them are

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are suffering from the same exploitation, low wages, longer hours of work and all sufferings that Capitalism imposes upon workers. Now let us see what I found regarding the poverty in the Kerala Province. Most of the peasants are landless and are working at a wage of 2 annas or 2½ annas a day. Some other people are suffering from want of food. They are depending entirely upon the landlords. I was really surprised to find that the peasants in Kerala could live at a daily wage of 2 annas. I asked one Zamindar of that Province to make an experiment of living upon a wage of 2 annas only. Now we are finding a tremendous enthusiasm among the peasants to organise themselves into unions. To-day you will find all over the Kerala Province peasants and other classes of people organising themselves Workers Unions, Kisan Sabhas and etc. And they are unitedly marching against the exploiters. They have been greatly helped by the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, the District and taluk Congress Committees. In return these peasants and workers have joined the Congress for their kind assistance to them and are participating in the movement of the Congress. I have told you the other day the attitude of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee towards the trade unions. Their attitude is seen in the Trades Dispute Bill. Do not be afraid that I will repeat it and take your time.Now the Bombay Provincial Congress is suffering from want of support. Look at the election figure in the Municipal election. You will find that those who are fighting for the Working Classes have topped the Polls in the Elections. Though some people have secured some seats, they were successful in the Elections by a narrow majority. From the example that I have placed before you about the Kerala Province, you can see that the working classes and the middle class people are bestowing more and more attention to organise themselves and to better their lives. The Congress is helping them to their utmost to raise them foremost in the Society.All of you must work like the people of Kerala, which is a country of poor labourers and ryots and other working classes. I appeal to you to understand the efficacy of this movement. Let us under-

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understand the efficacy of the working class movement. Supposing all the Railway workers throughout the whole state are united and launch a Civil Disobedience Movement when the authorities of the State want to bring military or other forces from outside the State, what can the State do! Then the State cannot have the help from the British Imperialism though there is much chaos in the country. If the Railway Workers refused to work when a severe struggle is going on in the country, the State can do nothing. Now I will draw your attention to the historic struggle that took place in England in 1924. Do you know what happened there? All the workers working in all factories struck work on account some minor struggle. The result was that the capitalists, the conservative party and the liberal party were unable to get their Newspapers since all the workers had struck work. Even the Government was not in a position to publish their bulletins. It was Daily Herald that was printed and circulated all over the country for a period of 7 days, since it was the only paper which was working for the good of the working classes. So we have to pay more and more attention to the betterment of the working classes. A similar thing happened to the Tramway Company. Since the Congress helped the trade unions and labour unions and is still helping them, the working classes have joined the Congress in turn and have strengthened the Congress. The working classes are the back-bones of Capitalism. Without them what would have been the fate of capitalists? With their help the Tramway Company was able to make a huge profit. At one time the face value of the share had risen to Rs.2,000/- to Rs.3,000/- from Rs.100/. All the profit comes from the working classes. What do they ask in return? They want better wages. All the means of production which are the means for earning profits, for purchasing wealth, must be possessed by the working classes. All the factories and all the wealth for which the workers are responsible must be shared by the workers. Justice and morality are on the side of the workers. Therefore, I appeal to you to sympathise with the lot of the workers and help yourselves by helping the working classes. Try to understand the movement

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movement and its objects. There is only one remedy to all these evils. That is communism and socialism. This group of people can find a way out of the present deadlock. The condition of the country is ripe at this time. The capitalist system has outlived its time. That has lived for a longer time. Now it is a ripe time that it should give way to a newer and a fresher system of organisation, viz., Socialism, a vigorous system based on justice and nationalist movement without prejudicing any other system. All people of the middle class including ryots and peasants will make this movement a successful one. It is not possible for any one to put down this kind of political awakening or political commotion. At one stage Capitalism was a progressive force. It brought a fresh system of organisation into existence from feudalism. It brought about industrialisation; it brought about progress of humanity at a particular time. Now its time is over and therefore it must give way to a new order of things. It must give way to Socialism and Communism. Capitalism has achieved its aim and it must now give room for another system of organisation. Our nationalist movement also must have a basis, a basis of the peasants and a socialist basis. This doctrine has been preached by our dear leader Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in this country with success. In conclusion, therefore, I make a special appeal to you to study this movement. Do not keep quiet with some prejudice. The movement will suffer and you will remain ignorant. If you do not like that idea after studying the movement, please keep away from putting a stop to it. But if you like the movement, study the movement patiently and guide the working class movement in this country. Even if you do not like the movement, it is not possible to go against the current of the movement which is gaining popularity day by day.

Mr. S.S.Ramaswamy of Bangalore City next spoke thus.- (he sppke in Kannada).

The President of the Meeting (Mr.A.N.Suryanarayanarao) has given me only 10 minutes for me to speak. I will close my speech within 5 minutes. In Mysore, we have one big -

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big agitation before us. We are observing Sathyagraha to remove the name-board Hamilton Building, since the name is a great shame for the country. In Bangalore, many people called me an irresponsible rascal. Many people condemned the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. They think that this is not a matter to observe Sathyagraha, since it is a small matter. They say that Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao is a coward. Though the Congress Working Committee has not given permission to observe it, he is observing Sathyagraha. They are observing for the sake of oranges that they would get while sitting near the Police Station. That is not the case with the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. We have not come here for the sake of any one person. Here some important principles are involved. The Congress Working Committee have not banned us from observing the Sathyagraha. It has accepted that the name Hamilton Building must be removed; and it has given permission to its members to observe the Sathyagraha on their own personal capacity. A resolution has been passed to that effect. On account of caste feelings and other petty things, we quarrel within ourselves and thus we have ourselves decreased our strength. Even the names of Mr. Tilak and Mahatmaji will go out of view of humanity at a certain time. But the association in which they have worked, namely the Congress will remain for ever. We have not come here to observe Sathyagraha on account of Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. Since we want to observe Sathyagraha we have come to this place. If any one does not like our policy, let him keep quiet. Why should he prove himself a traitor by criticising our policy. If you criticise our policy, it is as though you are hitting at the womb of your mother. We have no faith in the opinions of Mr. Tagadur Ramachandrarao, since he is a follower of Mahatma Gandhi. We do not share his opinions, since we are Socialists who want to put down the British Imperialism. We want to establish a Government of peasants and workers based on equality. Suppose there is a movement in Shikaripur. If you think that the movement is not a good one and right, you do not support the movement. But if you think that the movement is a right one, there is every

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every right for you to participate in the movement. Similarly, if you think that the Sathyagraha is being observed for a good cause, please give your names to the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee and participate in it. If you do not agree with our mode of policy, please be neutral. Please do not criticise us saying that this is a brahmin movement or a red-shirt movement. The administration of the Native States is the same old one as it was 50 years ago. To prove this, there are many examples in history. There may be a time when the Mysore State Congress should cease to exist. If it happens like that, it will be a glad news. In the Haripur Congress it was decided by the All-India Congress that it should not take part in the politics of Native States. But in the Tripuri Congress it will be decided that the All-India Congress must help the people of the Native States in their struggle. Then all the States may go out of view in the struggle. The question of Hamilton Building is not a minor issue. Rather it is a big question. This is my individual opinion. Some may ask me whether it is a big question as that of the achievement of Responsible Government. If we see the history of Russia, we will come across many such instances. Parliamentary procedure has come into existence in the Mysore State Congress. Many people have joined the Congress with the idea that they can become Presidents or Secretaries of the Congress or to get their photoes printed in the Newspapers. In order to awaken the masses we must have some little agitation now and then. Now you must understand that Mr.Hamilton is a representative of the British Imperialism. He is a person recommended by the British Resident. He is forced upon us, though we do not want him. When officers for responsible posts have to be appointed, the State authorities must consult the British Government. The same thing is seen in Rajkot with respect to the Dewan - Sir Patrick Cadell. When we want to remove the name-board Hamilton Building, it means that we want to get rid off British Imperialism. It is immaterial whether Sir Mirza accepts our opinion or not. He is the real person who is responsible

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responsible for the Viduraswatha tragedy. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao is the first man who thought about the influence of the British Imperialism. I want to worhip him in this respect. I am not a person to worship persons like Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. He is a person who is working in the Congress from 20 years. He is not one of those laced-turban people who have joined the Congress from 1 or 2 years. When some people say that the question of Hamilton Building is a small matter, it is as though they are pricking Tagadur Ramachandra Rao with needles. At a time of serious agitation, we will see that the military does not come from outside. We will act according to the advice of Mr.Mirajkar. We must join the Congress to do such things. If we want to do away with the slavery of the Native Rulers and the British Imperialism we have to work hard with a united front. Section 124 A may be served upon us. We must not care for it. We must see that section 124 A is completely removed from the Indian Penal Code. Sometime back, we have placed the Maharaja upon the throne. But now, we want him to come down. If we say like that, we will commit the offence of sedition. We must ~~enter~~ join these agitations and do what we can. In Madras, the Neill Statue was removed after the Congress Ministers came to power. So also, some people say that we can remove the name-board - Hamilton Building after we get Responsible Government. But you must know the huge agitation for it since many years prior to its removal by the Congress Ministry. The people of Madras have fought hard to hoist the National Flag upon a Municipal Building. So also, here, we must try hard to erase the name Hamilton Building. I differ from Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao in one matter. I do not like the idea of sitting quietly near the Central Police Station. We must try to enter it. If some of us are arrested, the mass will be awakened to a great - extent. The authorities have not arrested the Sathyagrahies with a view to exhaust us by asking us to sit in the hot sun. There is no use in simply sitting in that place. Some five or six people must enter the building. The building is yours. With your money the building has been built. The name Hamilton

Hamilton Building has come here according to the wishes of the British Imperialism. The Sathyagrahies have not been arrested with the idea that they themselves would be disgusted with sitting there. That is a kind of strategy. Now it is our duty to enter the building. If you are not admitted, you must sit down in the entrance itself until the Police take you out with force. You must not take any kind of food when you observe the Sathyagraha. A similar affair has happened in Jaipur. The head of the Police in Jaipur, viz., Mr.Young took away Mr.Jamnalal Bajaj with force and while taking him away in the car Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj was injured slightly. Mr.Jamnalal Bajaj never accepted himself to go with Mr.Young. But Mr.Young was compelled to take him away with force. I am giving this suggestion to the Hamilton Sathyagraha Committee. This is my individual opinion. Many intelligent people are satisfied with lectures and debates. It is of no use. You must go there and work. It is said in the Newspaper that only 140 people are going to Mysore to participate in the Sathyagraha. It is false. As I think, nearly 244 people are coming here from Bangalore to participate in the Sathyagraha. Here I must say that the Bangalorians are much stronger than the Mysoreans. When the Viceroy came to Bangalore, we carried on some demonstration. The Police were unable to take notice of it, since there was a very big crowd. I do not know the reason for the Newspapers not publishing it. When there was the Hartal in Bangalore on account of the Professional Tax, it was we who worked much for the success of the Hartal. It is our duty to study the example of the people of Bombay and to work here. Almost all the leaders are ordinary men. Messrs. Agaram Rangiah, H.C.Dasappa and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao are all small men. For that matter even Mahatmaji is an ordinary man, if we see from the view point of history. They will come and go; but their work only remains for ever. Every Congress Member who joins the Congress, wants to become the President or the Secretary of the organisation. If he does not become some person like that, he thinks that it would be better for him to remain -

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independent. To achieve revolution in Russia, many people sacrificed their lives. You might have heard Mr.Mirajkar's name just now. He is a widely experienced person working for the last 20 years. The Biritish Government are dead afraid of one single Communist. In the Meerut Conspiracy case, many people were involved including railway workers, electric workers, Sepoys and etc. Now, it is your duty to observe Sathyagraha to delete the name Hamilton Building. Persons liking that act, may give their names to the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee and may observe Sathyagraha. But if you do not like that idea, I request you to be neutral. I think that my appeal is quite correct.

Mr. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

First of all I have to ask your pardon for detaining small boys and children and women also in this place for such a long time. From to-morrow, we will try to close the meeting much earlier. I appeal to the elders not to punish their children if they go to their homes a bit late. There is one principle in this Sathyagraha. There is nothing for which you have to fear. The faces of the Sathyagrahies will become dark on account of the extreme hot sun and it is a pity to look at them at about 6 or 7 P.M. That sight will melt the hearts of the people who see them. There was some incidence near the Central Police Station. When I went there, I appealed to the people to stand on the foot-path so that we may not give trouble to the Police, for whose work I have my support. At that time Mr.Ramarao, who occupies a responsible position in the Palace, came to that place. He was holding an umbrella on account of the hot sun. While he neared that place, one small boy knowing Mr.Ramarao and his responsibility in the Palace, cried out " [illegible] ". Then there was a very heavy response as " [illegible] ". This information will reach the ears of His Highness. There is no doubt about it. I will tell you another matter. When I went home, some women were discuss-

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discussing about Hamilton Building Sathyagraha in the house. When I knew them discussing about this matter, I stealthily placed my bicycle near the door and over-herard their discussion. One lady said that there was no use in sitting quiet near the Central Police Station. But some other lady said that they were doing like that with a view to attract the attention of the people. The first lady again said that there was very little use in delivering big lectures in the Subbarayanakere Maidan without putting their words into practice. The idea of the second lady was correct. This sitting down Sathyagraha will focus the attention of all the 8 districts. Many sympathisers will come over here to observe the Sathyagraha. Many small boys will come away to Mysore without the knowledge of their parents. Then the parents of those children will come to Mysore in search of their children, who could be easily found near the Central Police Station. I do not speak much. The question of Responsible Government is very little when compared to this Sathyagraha. Many Sathyagrahies have come here. We have to make some conveniences for them in this place. We have to look to their food and etc. When you come here to-morrow please bring your liberal subscriptions. Since they have come here to observe the Sathyagraha, it is our duty to see to their conveniences. As usual, to-morrow some two people will observe the Sathyagraha. In the evening we will try to close the meeting much earlier so that we may not cause inconvenience to the people. Now it is my duty to thank Mr.Mirajkar of Bombay and Mr.Ramaswamy of Bangalore. It is also my duty to thank the Jana Jagruthi Sanga ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ for permiting us to hold a combined meeting.

Then the meeting terminated at 8-55 P.M. with cries of several Jais.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer,District Police Office,
Mysore,17-2-1939.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,
Dated 18th February 1939

T.C. 164/38-39 Encs: Two reports.

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith, for the information of Government, copies of S.B. reports Nos. 142/38-39 and 142/38-39 dated the 18th February 1939 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on 17-2-1939 under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Satyagraha Committee and the observance of Hamilton Building Satyagraha - IV Day - 18th February 1939.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. Mehkri
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For perusal.

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore
BANGALORE.

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S.B. No. 142/1938-39.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - IVth Day - 18-2-39.

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At about 7-50 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with U.Kenchiah (aged about 24 years S/O Ugre Gowda (un-employed)Arakere, Seringapatam Taluk) and S.S.Chakravarthy (aged about 22 years S/O Shanthappa, (un-employed), jain, Saligrama). Kenchiah and Chakra--varthy carried on their shoulders a long pole measuring about 30 feet (two bamboos had been tied with rope to make up the total length). To one end of the bamboo a brush (ಮುಚ್ಚಿ) soked in chunam had been tied. At the middle of the pole a card board on which was written in chalk piece " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಕಿಟ್ಟದ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯಿರಿ. — " was tied. In addition to this, S.S.Chakravarthy had a pot containing chunam and a brush in his hand. M.Shama Rao (Sathyagrahi on 15-2-39) followed the above with a Congress Flag.

About 100 persons had assembled.

At 7-55 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with a bamboo measuring about 12 feet in length and a card board on which had been written in ink " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಕಿಟ್ಟದ ಹೆಸರು ಕಿತ್ತಿರಿ " in kannada on one side and " Down with Hamilton" in English on the other side. This card board was tied to the middle of the pole brought by Kenchiah and S.S.Chakravarthy and the former board removed. A photo of the pole was taken while A.N.Suryanarayana Rao was holding it.

The bamboo which A.N.Suryanarayana Rao brought was not made use of and it was left in the Subbarayanakere maidan only.

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya said thus :-

" To day is the 4th day of the Sathyagraha. It was found difficult to remove the name "Hamilton Building" from the efforts of the last 3 days. The Government Officers did not allow us to get into the building for the purpose. The name "Hamilton Building" must go. Now the Sathyagraha Committee have decided to remove the name from out--side alone without getting into the building. The Sathyagrahis of

of to-day will try to remove the name with the help of the long pole which is brought with the brush tied to it. If the Police obstruct even to do this from out-side and to snatch the pole, re--sistence should be offered at the cost of their lives and never surrender the pole. If the police were to arrest the Sathyagrahis then, they can give away the pole. No one should get excited. The Sathyagrahis may receive injuries while the police attempt to snatch away the pole. Even then, you must all remain patient. The Govern--ment are stubborn in their false prestiege ([illegible]). My earnest appeal to all of you is to remain patient. To-day U.Kenchiah and S.S.Chakravarthy will offer - Sathyagraha".

The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis and the procession started at 8 A.M., followed by about 100 persons. The pole to which the brush had been tied was carried jointly by S.S.Chakravarthy and U.Kenchiah ~~ky~~(Sathyagrahis of the day) and A.V.Chikkrudrappa (Sathyagrahi on 17-2-39). The pot con--taining chunam and a brush were also carried by S.S.Chakravarthy, M.Shama Rao carried the Congress Flag.

The Procession passed through Narayana Sastry Road, Rama Vilas ~~Road~~ Agrahar, Santhepet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet, and arrived near the Central Police Station Chowk at 8-30 A.M. M.Shama Rao handed over the Congress Flag which he ~~was~~ carrying to Eswara Rao brother of Vishkanta Rao - lavani singer. On the way there were shouts of jais and " [illegible] " prompted by M.Shama Rao.

At the vacant sites in front of the Central Police Station about 800 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived followed by about 200 persons. Prominent among them were :-

1. A. N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
2. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee.
3. K.V.Veerappa, Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
4. Javare Gowda of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk.
5. M.N.Venkatappa, Sathyagrahi on 16-2-39.
6. Venkatagiriappa, Cocoanut seller, Devaraj Market, Mysore.
7. Shambhulingiah, Un-employed and Congress worker.
8. K.Jeevanna Rao, Congress worker and Stationery shop keeper.
9. Gopal Rao } brothers of Vishkanta Rao, Lavani singer,
10. Eswara Rao } Mysore.

11. Chikkarudrappa, Sathyagrahi on 17-2-39.
12. M.Shama Rao, -do- 16-2-39.
13. M.T.Srinivasiah, un-employed and Congress worker.

Adequate police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station.

At the square of the Central Police Station, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao appealed to the crowd to remain in the vacant sites only and watch. He further said that the two Sathyagrahis accompanied by a few would go and request the police for permission to white wash the name "Hamilton Building".

At 8-35 A.M., Mr. P.F.Bowring passed in front of the Central Police Station when ~~the~~ shouts of "Down with-Hamilton" were made prompted by M.Shama Rao.

The two Sathyagrahis carrying the pole and chunam pot accompa--nied by M.Shama Rao, Chikkarudrappa, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, B.Subba--raya Upadhyaya and Eswar Rao (holding the Congress flag) came as far as the foot-path in front of the Central Police Station where police cordon had been posted. The two Sathyagrahis assisted by M. Shama Rao and A.V.Chikkarudrappa lifted up the pole with their hands towards the building for white washing against the name "Hamilton Building", and said they are going to white wash against the name "Hamilton Building". The police told them they cannot allow them to do so. The Sathyagrahis assisted by M.Shama Rao and Chikkarudrappa persisted in their act and lifted up the pole towards the name - "Hamilton Building". They were prevented by the Police from doing so and finally the police had to wrench away the pole from their hands after some resistence particularly on the part of the two Sathya--grahis of the day who refused to leave the pole at any cost. During the struggle the pot containing chunam which S.S.Chakravarthy was holding fell down and broke to pieces. The two Sathyagrahis went and sat on the foot-path at the place where the two Sathyagrahis sat on 15-2-39 and 16-2-39.

A pla-card was brought and kept by the side of the Sathyagrahis. On it were written the names of the Sathyagrahis.

At 8-40 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao shouted "Down with Hamilton", and

and said thus towards the crowd :-

" The descipline maintained by you (crowd) is extra-ordinary. It should be continued in the same manner in future also. This matter will be brought to the notice of Mahatma Gandhi and he will appreciate the same very much. We do not want the police here--after. We can ourselves maintain order. Sathyagrahis Kenchiah and Chakravarthy have offered Sathyagraha this day in a glorious manner. No one should not utter mean words. After half an hour Sri.Javare Gowda of Nagamangala will deliver some speech. Those who can afford to stop may stop and hear the same. As I have got some other engagement, I will leave this place now".

Some of the crowd dispersed.

At 8-45 A.M., Mr. M.N.Jois came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis for a while went away.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao appealed to the public to subscribe liberally to the Sathyagraha fund for feeding the Sathyagrahis.

At 8-55 A.M.B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya brought tiffin and coffee to the Sathyagrahis and went away.

At 9 A.M., T.Narayana Gowda brought some News papers and gave it to the two Sathyagrahis.

At 9-5 A.M.Gopal Rao (brother of Vishkanta Rao, Lavani - singer) began to sing some lavanies standing in the vacant site towards the south of the Central Police Station.

After the lavani, Javare Gowda read passages till 10 A.M., from the book " [illegible] "; by Mr. K.V.Puttappa and explained it to the crowd and further added that in connection with the Talguppe Bus accident because some four police-men died, His Highness visited the spot and offered Rs 500/- to the family of the bereaved. But though 32 persons besides a woman died at Vidurash--watha, he did not care to go there. Such is the attitude of Your Highness. What is the use of having such Maharajas.

At 9-15 A.M. Gopal Rao came and garlanded the two Sathya--grahis.

At 9-30 A.M., the crowd decreased.

At 9-45 A.M.Gopala Rao brought a new pot containing chunam and a brush and having placed it in front of the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 10-40 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and asked the Sathyagrahis whether they required any tiffin. They replied in the negative. So he went away.

At 11 A.M., T.S.Subbanna came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11-10 A.M,A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11-15 A.M., M. Shama Rao gave some oranges to the Sathyagrahis.

Some European gentlemen passed near the Central Police Station at 11-20 A.M. Seeing them, M.Shama Rao shouted " Down with Hamilton".

At 11-40 A.M., M.Shama Rao and Javare Gowda came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12 noon, the crowd came down to 30 persons.

At 12-5 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and enquired the Sathyagrahis whether he could get them some food They declined. So he went away.

At 12-40 P.M., Shivananje Gowda of Naganahalli and B.Subba--raya Upadhyaya came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-45 P.M., Pattavardhan of Mangalore followed by some people of Rama Mandir of Lashkar Mohalla passed through several parts of the City with a pla-card appealing to the public to subscribe liberally for feeding the Sathyagrahis.

At 12-35 P.M., K.V.Veerappa of Malavally came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-45 P.M., Eswara Rao and M.Shama Rao came and gave tiffin to the Sathyagrahis.

At 1 P.M., the two Sathyagrahis got up from their place and went and sat down on the foot path in front of Guard Room (place where the two Sathyagrahis on 17-2-39 were sitting).

At 1-10 P.M., A.Shivanna came and having spoken to the

the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 1-15 P.M., M.Shama Rao having fixed the Congress Flag to a long pole, tied it to the name board "Mysore Bank Buildings" fixed in the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station building.

At 1-50P.M., A.V.Chikkarudrappa and T.Narayana Gowda came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 2-55 P.M., M.Shama Rao came and gave aerated waters to the Sathyagrahis.

At 3 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and having enquired about the wants of the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 3-20 P.M., T.Narayana Gowda came and having given oranges to the Sathyagrahis went away.

From 4 P.M., the crowd began to increase.

At 4-5 P.M., Gopala Rao sang a couple of lavanies standing in the vacant site to the south of the Central Police Station.

Then A.V.Chikkarudrappa and T.Narayana Gowda, Sathyagrahis on 17-2-39 and Javare Gowda of Nagamangala delivered speeches till 5 P.M. Copies of their speeches are enclosed.

At 4-30 P.M., K.V.Veerappa of Malavally came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

At 4-40 P.M., Gopala Rao came and gave some green Bengal gram (కింపిస్తినర్ శనగలు) to the Sathyagrahis and went away.

At 5-25 P.M., about 30 boys came near the Central Police Station chowk holding a pla-card appealing to the public to subscri--be for the Sathyagraha fund and holding a Congress Flag. They were standing in the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station and went away at 6 P.M. after the Sathyagrahis left for Subbarayana kere maidan.

At 5-50 P.M., M.N.Jois and A.Suryanarayana Pandit came and having talked to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 5-55 P.M., the crowd swelled to 1000 persons.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and after speaking to the Sathyagrahis shouted several jais and "Down with Hamilton". He addressed the crowd thus :-

" You have maintained good discipline this day. Now also you must keep up the same. No one should stand on the road. The

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The Sathyagrahis of this day have offered Sathyagraha in a glorious manner. Now I see the people are increasing in number. The bigger the crowd, the greater the blessings on the Sathyagrahis. Now the two Sathyagrahis will be garlanded".

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and A.Shivanna came and garlanded the Sathyagrahis while they were sitting in their places. There were claps and jais from the crowd.

At 6 P.M., both the Sathyagrahis got up and taking the brush and the pot containing chunam proceeded to Subbarayanakere maidan followed by the crowd.

On the road near the Central Police Station chowk, S.S.Chakra--varthy gave a message to the crowd thus :-
" I offered the sathyagraha in a glorious manner for the 4th day. I appeal to all of you to observe Sathyagraha in the same manner".

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the crowd to proceed to Subbarayana kere in a peaceful manner. Then the crowd dispersed.

Sd/- H.Krishna Char,
I/C. District Superintendent of Polic
Mysore District.

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Dated 18-2-39

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S.B.NO.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held in connection with the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha in the maidan to the front of the Central Police Station on Saturday the 18th February 1939 at 4-30 P.M. About 100 persons attended the meeting, most of them were young boys.

Mr. A.V.Chikkarudrappa of Budigere, Devanahalli Taluk, spoke thus.-

Our Mysore Government is a servant of the British Government. They have made us slaves in turn. There is no doubt about it. Do you know the manner in which the British people have made us slaves. They have come to Mysore and occupied many prominent posts. They take our ~~xxkxx~~ money as salary and yet they work against us. Some times they hit us. As I know we have many intelligent people among us. There are many people who have passed B.A. and even who have passed I.C.S. They have not been appointed in our Government. Therefore, we can surely say that this Government is a slavish Government. This slavishness must go away. We will try hard to end it at the cost of our lives. The Congress is working for the welfare of the people from more than 50 years. But what has Mr.Hamilton done? He has ordered to open fire upon the people. The British Government have put him upon us though we do not want him. When they take money as salary from the Government, they must act according to the wishes of the Government. The Sathyagrahies said that they would erase the name Hamilton Building. The Police Officers told us that their superiors have not told them to remove it. And when they receive instructions to the removal of the name, they said that they would remove it. They are mere subordinates. We cannot expect much from them. But how long can we see the name-board remaining in that place. It is a very sorrowful sight to see it. " There are 6 Crores of Europeans in India. But the Indian population is 36 Crores of people. If all the Indians spit upon the Europeans, then they will go away. They cannot withstand the stream of the "spitting" - Mahatma Gandhi said this at one time. The Europeans say that we are black people. Since they get a lot of money as salary they say that we are incapable of doing anything. The Government do not care to take the name-board "Hamilton Building", which is put upon the Central Police Station. To obstruct 2 Sathyagrahies, nearly 50 or 60 Police Officers including Inspectors and Sub Inspectors have come forward. The Government have thought that if Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao is arrested, the movement

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movement will die out. They are labouring under a false idea. Just as bugs increase in number if some of them are killed, so also we will rise in huge numbers if some of our people are arrested. Many people are coming to this place to observe the Sathyagraha. Mr.Hamilton has come to this place from 6,000 miles away and he has amassed a lot of money; and he is going to his native place to live happily along with his children. To obstruct the 2 Sathyagrahies, many Inspectors, Sub Inspectors, Duffedars and Police Constables have come forward. They have broken the pot also, and they have wrenched away the bamboo. To-morrow they may order that no bamboes shall be brought to this place. Then cannot obstruct us like that. We will pull down the bamboes of our houses and offer the Sathyagraha in this place. I think that the hearts of the officers will melt and then they will remove the name-board. The blood of the Sathyagrahies has become water on account of the extreme sun in which they have to sit down all the day. So also the blood of the officers will become ~~blood~~ water if they offer such obstruction for the removal of the name-beard. Mr.Hamilton may think that the Dewan and the Maharaja will help him in this respect. The Dewan has himself accepted that the principle of naming some or all public buildings after the names of the officers is very bad. But he has refused to remove the name Hamilton Building. The Dewan is aged about 65 years. I think that he would like to stay in this position till his 80th year is completed. In Bangalore had gone in deputation to the Dewan for the increase of their wages. The Dewan has advised them to leave out the evil habit of Drinking upon which they are spending a lot of their earnings. The Members of Representative Assembly ask much money for the betterment of their villages. But the Government reply that they have no money. If they do not work up for our betterment then we will be down-trodden. This Government is run by some childish people We cannot tolerate this system of administration which brings shame to us. We want Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness. The Congress is working very hard to achieve this. The Government are refusing to give this to us. What would they loose? The officers take thousands as their pay and put name-boards like 'Hamilton Building'. To remove the name we are observing this Satyagraha. Let them hit us with lathies or do anything they want. We will never mind that. On the other hand we will observe Satyagraha peacefully. Just as Congress Goverment is ruling Madras we also want Responsible Government here. When we achieve Responsible Government this

this very same Hamilton will salute us to get a Sub Inspector's post and then he will have to work under Subbanna. Hamilton has not requested the Government to put his name upon this building. Yet it has been put. Inspector Subbanna's office is situated in this building. It would have been better if the building had been named after him. Since Subbanna is our man there would have been no protests against the name of the building after him. But since it is named after Hamilton, we are offering Satygraha to remove the name-board. In this name we are seeing the hand of Imperialism. We want to grow brave and independent and do not like to be the first photo in the hygiene. Please work according to the policy of the Congress to attain Responsible Government. The Dewan and his Councillors are between the Highness and the British Government. If you say anything in public it will amount to sedition. Then they may issue notices and warrants and imprison us.

Mr. M. Narayan Gowda, Boodegere village, Devanahalli Taluk then spoke thus

I appeal to all of you to sit down and listen to the speech quietly. I request the reporting people to report correctly. Since I come from a village I do not know much. My native place is a small village in Bangalore District. When Mr. Tagadur Ramabhandra Rao published that he would observe Satygraha for the removal of the name 'Hamilton Building' we wanted to participate in it. After coming to Mysore we were able to know all the information about the Satya graha. Yesterday we were given a chance to offer Satyagraha, for which I have to thank the Committee. At 8-30 A.M we came near the Hamilton Building to remove the board. But the police officers obstructed us. We stood in the road itself But Mr. Subbanna asked us to sit down on the foot-path. I told him to take me away with force just as Jamnalal Baja told the Police authorities in Jaipur. Some constables were put as guards for us. One constable whose number I do not correctly remember, it may be 232 was ~~sitting~~ standing behind us and kicking me with his boots. It is not good for them or for the Government. It is as though they have kicked the Government itself. I hear that there was one police station before this building was constructed and I think it was not named after nay person. But now this building has been named after Hamilton, a foreigner to this place. It is shameful for the Government for having named so. The Government also know the fact. Since they are compelled by the British Imperialism they have to name the buildings after the names of some foreigners. This does not speak well of Ramarajya. The repression that is going on here also adds the shame of the Government. This is really Ravana Rajya. In Ravana Rajya the officers were

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working with much pride. But that pride or power is not seen in the Mysore Police. 30-40 Inspectors had to come and wrench off the bamboo from our hands. In villages a pot is broken in front of a building for some inauspicious purposes. Since the pot is broken here, it speaks of something evil coming. Only Tagadur Ramachandra Rao has been arrested. Why should not the others also be arrested. I think they have not power to arrest us at all. The District Magistrate will not give permission to arrest us. Mrs. Kasturi Bai Gandhi has been arrested in Rajkot and the police are looking after her in a very good manner. Here two people are offering Satyagraha and three police officers are looking after them. The Inspector has arranged shifts for the police on account of the hot sun. Instead of this, it would be better to take out the name itself. The Satyagraha Committee are sending only two persons to offer Satyagraha. It is not good. They have to send more people Tagadur Ramachandra Rao's case has been posted to 20-2-39. After consulting him on that day, I think some more people will be sent to offer Satyagraha. The population of our State is about 52 lakhs. Many of them have joined the Congress. There is difference of opinion between the Congress people themselves and some of them are not for this movement. The Government must not understand that the Congress is not supporting us. Almost all people of Mysore are behind Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. The Government should know it. Since I had observed Satyagraha yesterday in the hot sun I am unable to speak much.

Mr. Gopal Rao (Lavani Singer) read out poems from 'Haluru' book.
Mr. Narayan Gowda continued his speech after sometime and said:

I have not stood up to speak. But I will introduce my friend who is to address you. Before introducing him, I will tell you one incident. At Talaguppe, there was a motor-accident, in which some policemen died and they have been given Rs 500/- by His Highness. The police must learn to work in a disciplined manner with satya and ahimsa. From all the 8 Districts many Volunteers are coming here to support us in this movement. Some of you will go away during the meeting. It is not good.

Mr. Javaregowda of Nagamangala Taluk (Pala Agrahar) next spoke thus

In the morning I have read half of 'Haluru'. Now I will finish it. Before I read it I have brought some cuttings and I wish to read them now. There are two parties in this place. One party is sitting here and the other is standing. One is clad in khaki with turbans and the other in khadi with caps.

"He read out two cuttings from some newspapers - one is about the visit of the Dewan of Mysore to Melkote unexpectedly during Novermber at about 10-30 P.M. when he

SECRET.

S.B.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committe Mysore, in Subbarayanakere Maidan on Friday the 17th February 39 at 6-45 P.M. About 1,500 persons attended the meeting.

Mr.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener, Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee,Mysore, spoke thus:-

The third day of the Sathyagraha has come to a successful completion. Members of the Yuvaka Sangha had taken part in to-day's Sathyagraha. Their names are Messrs Chickkarudrappa and Narayana Gowda of Devamahally Taluk. The object of this Sathyagraha is widely known already. We have definitely made it clear through speeches and papers that this Sathyagraha is not started against any individual, neither against a person drawing Rs.5,000/- nor against a person getting Rs.2,000/-. We are purely fighting against the principle with which they are ruling us. This building belongs to all the 65 lakhs of people in the State. The money spent on the building comes from the poor. Again, it is the poor man's money that is spent on huge buildings built by the Government. No doubt, they are built for the purposes of administration. But why should they give the name of an Officer? This is really unjust. That is why we have started this Sathyagraha. In almost all the States in India this agitation has been carried on just to drive out the representatives of Imperialism. We are all fighting with Non-violence which has been taught to us by Mahatma Gandhi. Even the seven Congress Governments that are set up in the seven Provinces are working on the principle of Non-violence. Anybody who does not follow this principle bodily, mentally and in action(ದೇಹದಿಂದ, ವಾಚಾ, ಮನಸಾ) is not a true Congressman. He is not at all an Indian. Mother India will not reckon him as her son. British Imperialism is working ruthlessly in our States nowadays. British Officers are increasing in number. There are already Hamilton, Forbes etc. Now another person is coming by name Peel. There is also Sir Charles Todhunter. You may say that they are only a few people. But

But look at the 35 crores of Indians! How many Europeans are there? There may be about 1½ lakhs. See the position they have occupied! They have divided our own people into different sections by playing one against the other. It is due to these wicked ministers. Agitation is going on everywhere. If not to-day, we are sure to get Responsible Government to-morrow. Then we will hold our banner high up in the sky. Our country will be reckoned as one of the important nations of the world.(Claps). It is sure to come. For this we require the help and support of every Mysorean. You should not fall back. I am sure you are not lagging behind. It is evident from the support and the party you played in connection with the dispute between National Flag and Mysore Flag. When the Freedom Movement was started in India Mahatma Gandhi said that Mysore was not following the lead and it was lagging behind. But when the Vidurashwatha Incident took place and when Hamilton gave order to fire, then consciousness of the masses opened the eyes of Mahatma Gandhi. Then he agreed that Mysore was not lagging behind. The Government published the report in connection with Vidurashwatha incident that only 8-10 thousand people had assembled at the place. But our estimation was that 20 thousand people had gathered. They were not educated men like us, but they were poor villagers. For the sake of a flag and to safeguard its honour the people fought. But the Government took to repressive meaures. Many had to die. We do not mind that. We are prepared to give our life. Then our State will be rid of these foreigners. At Vidurashwatha nobody threw stones. Nobody harmed policemen. The mob conducted itself peacefully. Inspite of it this tragedy took place. We do not mind it. Our difficulties will end soon. Hamilton Building has no life. It lost its life the very day we started our Sathyagraha. It is like a dead body. " ಶಿವ ವಿಷ್ಣು ಶತ್ರುವ, ಅರುಂ ದೇಂಕಿಲಾವಾಣಿ ". Sathyagraha is means silent suffering. God must open the heart of these butchers. Let God give them " ಅನಂ ತಾಳ, ಅಂತ್ಯ ತರಣ " There is no use if we simply cry shout. Then our principles will not be well followed. Mahatma Gandhi will get wild against us. Hence I request you all and the citizens of Mysore, on behalf of the Sathyagraha Committee to behave as true Sathyagrahies. He is

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is not a Sathyagrahi who wears the badge on his arm. You are also Sathyagrahies. You have behaved peacefully. Then we are sure to get success. Not only the building goes away, but the British Imperialism itself will be rooted out and we will get Responsible Government. Mr.Suryanarayana Rao will give you some account of to-day's Sathyagraha which you must peacefully listen.

Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Congressman and Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I have a glad news to tell you. With your blessings we were able to complete to-day's Sathyagraha successfully. The news which I am going to tell you many of you may not know it. But those of you who were present before the Building to-day might know it. Yesterday one small C.I.D. incident has taken place. One of our Sathyagrahies has given the Police some information. We have got many Inspectors and many more Sub-Inspectors. There is a huge army of Policemen. In addition to this they have the Reserve Police who are like" ಕರು ಮಂಡುಂತರು They have ammunition and lathies. More than this, they have the British Imperialism itself to their support. What a fine organization is this! Such a strong force has to-day trembled for a little word. " ನಡಗಿಸ್ಕಾರಿ, ಬೆದರಿಸ್ಕಾರಿ, ವಿಂಡ್ಸ್ ಬೆಳ್ಳಾ ನಿ ವಿಳ್ಳಿಯುಂ". When the building was under construction there was no board. When it was completed they wanted to give the name Central Police Station. But then one Government Officer, arrogant and bold Officer, got the letters Hamilton Building written on it. Then the letters got consumption and came down. At the time of Viceroy's arrival to Mysore the Sathyagraha Committee gave a statement to the Press. The Government wanted to raise a quarrel. They got another board before the building. The Contractor had given the name of Central Police Station to his board. Somebody got the name changed into Hamilton Building and below it the name of the Contractor was written. The pole of the board was stuck up to the ground with cement and concrete. After the Viceroy went away and when the time we had given to the Government was also over we started our Sathyagraha. After two days of Sathyagraha, someone among us has terrified the Police that we would white-wash the board

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board which was within reach. They feared us and got the board removed secretly. " ಅವರಿಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸವೂ ಮಾನವೂ ಯಾವಿದೆಗಳಿಲ್ಲವೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ, ಕೆಲಸ ಯುದ್ಧಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ? ". Look at their salaries they take. Look at the ammunition and force they possess. With all that with fear they have removed this board. Have they any respect? What can we say for this? The contractor is not dismissed for having removed this board. The building is not completed yet. If I were the Contractor I would have filed a suit in the Court for damages, for removing the board without my permission. This is an example showing that we can achieve anything by peaceful and non-violent means. They thought that we will be deceived. On the other hand they are not successful in deceiving us. They have failed in their purpose. Soon the news will spread from place to place through papers. People will laugh at it. If our Sathyagraha is continued for some days more our Police will not stand below. They will go to the upstairs or probably to a higher place beyond our reach. Many people say that this is a small affair. It is not so. It has great significance behind it. You should have seen our brothers sitting in the burning sun all these three days. For the first day we wanted to have a strong man. The next day we wanted to have a less stronger man and so on till we can send young boys of 6 to 4 years as Sathyagrahies. People talk about that "what is the use in simply sitting there and lecturing in this Maidan." I say it is not right. We can achieve our purpose by peaceful means. What would the bereaved family of the persons who died at Vidurashwatha ~~would~~ say if they were here to-day? Their hearts would have melted away and would have sent their young children of the bereaved to offer Sathyagraha against the person who was the sole cause for the death of their parents. If there are noble hearted women who can offer their 2 years children for Sathyagraha we would ~~prostrate~~ place them before the Hamilton Building and make the babies sit before the building in the burning sun. What would the Police say when ~~that~~ an young child says to them with babbling words to wipe off the name of the building? ~~what~~ Will their hearts not melt? Let us see what they are going to do. What will the Government say to this? Will not His Highness feel for it? If a kind hearted person gives

gives this news to his Highness what will he think? Let us see what he is going to say to his Government. Let us conduct ourselves peacefully. His Highness is under the impression that his Government is ruling his subjects satisfactorily. He thinks that it is doing good to the people. The Government is created to protect the people. If His Highness knows the real situation he will surely put an end to this kind of administration at once. One lady has written to us stating that where is the use in performing Sathyagraha before the Hamilton Building. The Secretariat is in Bangalore. If the name has to be wiped off you must perform Sathyagraha before the Public Offices, Bangalore. Then the Government Officers will open their eyes. I think this has some truth. It will be good if my friends in Bangalore take this suggestion and start the agitation. I want to say a word to our Officers in this connection. For each Distric there is a Deputy Commissioner like our Mehkri here. They receive their pay as soon as the month is over. They are contented and do not care whether the people are suffering or living well. But the receipt of their pay does not require that they should sell away their self-respect. They are mistaken if they think so. They have every freedom and self-respect. They are not slaves to the Government. His Highness has appointed them to pretect the people. We have every respect and regard to our Officers. We will continue to show our regard in future also if everything goes alright. They must meet together and consider the present day conditions. They must consider whether the Government is justified in naming the building after Hamilton. They must see that this is removed immediately. If they are true D.Cs. they would have given resignation to their posts long back. Many people are suffering due to this Sathyagraha. The Government has given room to this unpleasant situation. Now we want your complete support. We are getting communications that outside volunteers are coming here. We have asked them to wait for some time. After making arrangements for their lodging and boarding we will invite them. For this we have to incur some expenditure. It is sufficient if we give them meals like that of the jails. We do not require delicious meals. We require both men and materials for this Sathyagraha. I request

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request you all to kindly contribute subscriptions as well as food-grains for the Sathyagrahies. You should not give your subscriptions to any person who wears a Khadi cap. Our police also receive free tiffin and other free facilities. Some say that a person reeeived some money as subscriptions. I know him. He has deceived us and gone away. I knew that person before. He has done like this in previous times. I am very sorry for it. You please hand over your subscriptions to persons who bring the printed seals from our Committee. Many have been sent as C.I.Ds. with Khadi caps. You should not believe them. Yesterday we had told that we will not conduct our meetings for a long time since this is the examination season for our students. Hence we have to conclude our meeting shortly. Now Mr,Pattawardhan of Mangalore will speak for a few minutes. He is a new person like our Javare Gowda. But you must hear him patiently.

Mr.Pattawardhan, Mangalore, next spoke thus:-

Sinee I am a resident in the British limits I do not know very much about your States. But I have read through papers the affairs that go on here. The significance of Hamilton Building is that it represents the British Imperialism which comes from 6000 miles. In every country the Governments are shaming the people by giving the names of foreigners to buildings and roads. The money spent on them comes from the poor villagers. The name of this cruel-hearted rowdy is given to this building. He is the person who said that he would shoot hundreds of people We would not have agitated if some other name was given to this building. To-day the world if full of untruth. You must understand the significance of Sathyagraha. It means the instilling of Truth into the hearts of men. To-day the Government is composed of some cruel hearted rowdies and K.Ds. who eat the poor man's money and enjoy in rich bungalows without caring for the sufferings of the poor. There must be revolution in the country to change this state of affairs. I do not mean by revolution, the type of France or Russia. It is a slow and steady march towards the completion of our object. I will give you an example. When Mr.C.Rajagopalchar started prohibition campaign in Salem he was treated discourteousl

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discourteous manner. The same Police are honouring him to-day. In Orissa and Central Provinces the Congress Governments requested the Viceroy to liberate the political prisoners. But the Viceroy refused. "ಮೂಲಭೂತವಾದ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಯಾಗಬೇಕು. For this we must have revolution in the sense I described above. People are roaming about without any shelter/or food to eat. If they sleep on pyals they will be sent out. The cattle have no grass to eat. The Government simply spend money on buildings which is a waste. This kind of administration must be put an end to.

Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, Convener, Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I do not want to detain you here for a longer time. But so long/as this Sathyagraha continues similar meetings will be held. The Committee has other engagements after this meeting. Moreover, the Sathyagrahies are tired and they must be sent home for rest. Mr.A.Ramanaa will speak for 5 minutes and then the meeting willbe concluded.

Mr.A.Ramanna, Unemployed, Santhepet, Mysore next spoke thus:-

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for which act of greatness or goodness the name of Hamilton should be given to the building! Hamilton is the person who, at the time of Dasara disturbances had gone away to lunch when our Highness was in a difficult situation, who was the sole cause for the Narimar Disturbance, and who was the hero of Vidurashwatha Tragedy. He has been the cause for all these disturbances. When such a name is given to the building who can sit quiet? There is no end to the foolishness of the Government. Probably this is the challenge given to the people by the Government. But the people are not fools. They have awaken to the times. Every villager knows who the Dewan is and what he is doing. Except His Highness all the other Officers in the State are the servants of the State.(Claps). From a Constable getting Rs.15/- upto the Dewan getting Rs.5,000/- all are servants of the State. It is the poor that pay their salaries. We cannot bear to see the name Hamilton on the Building. What is the use if we do not remove those letters from the building having born as human beings?(Claps). Whatever may come we are sure to wipe it off. It does not matter even if we lose our lives. We have to die one day or the other. Why should we cry if we have to die a few days earlier? Till the name is removed we should not stop our agitation. For this we require your support, both in the shape of men and materials. I hope you will co-operate with us.

Mr.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, again, spoke thus:-

Before closing to-day's meeting I want to tell you something. Two days back a big public meeting was held in Bangalore. One retired High Court Judge of Travancore named Parameshwaram Pillay spoke in the meeting. Our Assembly Leader Mr.K.T.Bhashyam was the President for the meeting. Our State Congress Secretary Mr.Chengalaraya Reddy seems to have spoken thus. It has come in the Newspaper. Some of you might have read and some might not have read. I will read the relevent portion.(So saying he read an extract from Tainadu dated 16th February 39 which is given below).

" ಕಾಳಗುಟ್ಟಿಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅನಾಕ್ರುತದಷ್ಟು ಅಧಾರವಾಗಿ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರು ಕಂಡರೂ ರೀಂ ಟ್ಟರಂತೆ ಇದನ್ನು ದೇಶ, ಈ ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಮಹಾನೀಯರು ರಷ್ಟರ ಬೇರಿ ಇಂದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜರನ್ನು ಅವರ ಉದಾರಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ appreciate ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಗದ ಬಳಿಸಿದರಂತೆ. ನೋಡಿದಿರೋ ಹೇಗಿದೆ ಈ ಕಾಮಾಲೆ ಕಣ್ಣು ಜಾಣಿಂದರು ನಮ್ಮ

What do you think of this letter? He, being a servant of the State and a servant of His Highness sends appreciative letters. Who is this man to appreciate his greatness? (Cries of shame). This is really shameful. It not only belittles our Highness but also it is shameful to us who are the loyal subjects of His Highness. To keep such a person in service is foolish. This is an impotent Government. There is no need for such a Government. We will be satisfied if there is no Government at all rather than have such a powerless institution. If this statement is false, let it go. If this is true it is really shameful. Having eaten our money and having given us all kinds of tortures now he has proceeded to mock our Highness. We must join together irrespective of differences, either of caste or colour, and fight against these white people. Let us try to achieve this by all possible and peaceful means.

Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Mysore, again spoke thus:-

This day completes the third day of our Sathyagraha. Though our Police are afraid of us we cannot be afraid of them. We tell this to them. So far we were carrying a pot of chunam and a brush. We have to change our proceedings a little bit since they do not allow us into the Building. From to-morrow we will bring a pole at the end of which a brush will be tied. The pole will be long enough to reach those letters which we want to wipe off. But we do not bring a pole of that height at once. To-morrow we will bring a small one. We will increase the length of the pole day by day. Let us give time to the Government even now. If they do not wipe off by the time we bring the long pole we will ourselves do it. I have openly informed our intention. Let the Police gather more force and be ready for the event. I say to the Police that they are powerless even to arrest us They are so much afraid of us. At least let them arrest our poles. If a Sahukar of a Bamboo shop is generous enough to supply us with bamboo poles, we will be highly thankful to him. If they arrest one pole we will bring another, and so on, till the whole Police Station is filled with bamboo sticks. Then the Station has to be shifted to some other building and the

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the name of this building should also be shifted to that building. For this we require ~~your~~ that you should conduct yourselves peacefully. I know your blood is boiling. It is very difficult to keep quiet. But till this name is removed what we eat is not food and what we drink is not water. We must proceed on non-violent means, which Gandhiji has taught us. We must maintain that at all cost. We are bound up with that weapon.(ಶಕ್ತಿ). Now the question is what the Police will do when the pole is brought before the building. According to regulation they have to arrest the pole. Let them arrest and place it on their shoulders. It seems one Policeman said that there was no board of the Contractor before the building. Probably he thought that the Sathyagrahies are villagers, ignorant of everything. By deceiving us they have deceived themselves. The Sathyagrahies had come to Mysore a few days before the Sathyagraha was started. They had studied the inns and outs of the building. They cannot forget the board of the Contractor before the building. They are better C.I.Ds. than our Police C.I.Ds. To-morrow I wish to give a small work to Mr.Javare Gowda. He is a poet and can sing Lavanies musically. There is neither shade nor place to sit before the building. At least let us hear the songs of Mr.Javare Gowda. Some speakers may also give some lectures. I hope you will co-operate with us. He will now sing some slokas connected with Sivarathri.(But he did not sing any slokas at all.). Then the meeting will come to an end.

Mr.Javare Gowda, Nagamangala, next spoke thus:-

~~Like~~ the judgement of Vidurashwatha, the Government say that there was no board at all. We cannot believe this Government Some people said that while it is Sivarathri to-day why should we have meeting here. But I said to them that this is more holy than our Sivarathri. Why should we go to temples? (Here he quoted a poem from 'Jalagara', ~~a poem~~ book written by Mr.K.V. Puttappa, Intermediate College, Mysore, in which some allegations are made against the priestly class). I think it is late for you all to go to temples since it is Sivarathri. So I think

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think it is better to close the meeting.

Then the meeting came to a close with several ~~of~~ cries of Jais at 8 P.M.

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MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Dated 19th Feb. 1939.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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No. 6636

Dear Sir,

I forward herewith the marginally* noted reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for the information of Government.

* (1)	S.B. Report No. 142/38-39 re: the Fifth Day Satyagraha in front of the Hamilton Building and the proceedings of the meeting held at the same place at 9 A.M. today.	Copies of the same have also been forwarded to the
(2)	S.B. Report No.142/38-39 re: proceedings of the meeting held at Subbarayankere Maidan on 18-2-1939.	

Private Secretary to the Dewan to his Camp - Mangalore.

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Yours sincerely,

M. G. Mehkri
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S.B. No. 142/38-39.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - Vth Day - 19-2-39.

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At 7-15 A.M., this day in the Sadvidya Patasala Chowk, at the centre it was written on the tar road in chalk " [illegible] R.J.Gowda" (Javare Gowda of Nagamanga-la).

At 8 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with M.B.Chandrasekhariah (aged about 25 years S/O B.Bhadriah, Vokkaligar, Watch-repairer, residing in Krishnarajendra Hospital Road) and P.V.Krishniah Naidu (aged about 22 years, Goldsmith by profession, Naidu caste, residing near Gargeshwari Chowk) and also some others. M.B.Chandrasekhariah, P.V.Krishniah Naidu and A.V.Chikkarudrappa (Sathyagrahi on 17-2-39) carried on their shoulders a long pole measuring about 30 feet in length (two bamboos had been tied with rope to make up the total length). Of the two poles one was green and the other dried. To one end of the bamboo a brush had been tied and the same was covered with a white cloth soked in chunam. To the middle of the pole a card board written on it in ink " [illegible] " in kannada on one side, and "Down with Hamilton" in English on the other side had been hung up. In addition to this, M.B.Chandrasekhariah carried the pot containing chunam and brush. Eswara Rao (brother of Vishkanta Rao, Lavani singer) carried the golaka ([illegible]) on which it was written "Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee".

At 8-5 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya addressed the crowd numbering about 200 thus :-

" To day is the Vth day of the Sathyagraha. Yesterday the police took away the pole by force. To day also the police will try to take away the pole in the same manner from the hands of the Sathyagrahis. In such case, the Sathyagrahis must not allow the police to take away the pole. If the pole were to be taken away by the police with a large amount of force we are not responsible. My earnest appeal to all of you is to maintain strict discipline. To day M.B.Chandrasekha-riah and

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and P.V.Krishniah Naidu will offer Sathyagraha".

The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis.

At this juncture the crowd requested A.N.Suryanarayana Rao to have the pole lifted with a view to see its height. Accordingly as instructed by him, P.V.Krishniah Naidu lifted the pole from the ground and held it. There were shoutings of several jais and claps.

The procession started at 8-10 A.M. followed by about 200 persons. The pole was carried jointly on their shoulders by M.B. Chandrasekhariah and P.V.Krishniah Naidu (Sathyagrahis of this day). M.B.Chandrasekhariah was in front holding the pot containing chunam and the brush. Eswara Rao carried the Congress Flag.

The procession passed through Narayana Sastry Road, Rama Vilas Agrahar, Santhepet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet, and arrived near the Central Police Station Chowk at 8-35 A.M.

On the way in Rama Vilas Agrahar, A.Shivanna (Plantain Seller and Congress worker) approached the two Sathyagrahis to garland them but A.N.Suryanarayana Rao asked him to garland them near the Central Police Station. Accordingly Shivanna withdrew from the place. There were shouts of several jais "Down with Hamilton".

At the vacant sites in front of the Central Police Station, about 4000 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived followed by about 200 persons. Prominent among them were :-

1. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
2. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener, Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore.
3. M.Shama Rao, Sathyagrahi on 15-2-39.
4. Eswara Rao } Brothers of Vishkanta Rao, Lavani singer.
5. Gopal Rao }
6. Javare Gowda, of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk.
7. Chikkarudrappa, Sathyagrahi on 17-2-1939.
8. T.Narayana Gowda -do- 17-2-1939.
9. M.T.Srinivasiah, Un-employed and Congress worker.
10. T.S.Subbanna, Secretary, Mass Awakener's Union, Mysore.
11. K.V.Veerappa, Congress worker, Malavalli and a Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
12. M.N.Jois, Congress worker.
13. Sri. Subbamma Jois (Wife of M.N.Jois).
14. Shambhulingiah (Un-employed and Congress worker).

Adequate police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station. Just before the Sathyagrahis arrived at the Central Police Station Chowk, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd thus :-

" This is the Vth day of our Sathyagraha. The Sathyagrahis will be coming now. Please sit down upon the foot-path. You have not

come here to show our anger. If you have pure conscience to help the Sathyagrahis please cry out jais. (Accordingly there were cries of jais). If you have cried out the jais please sit down. We are carrying out our work to the best of our ability. We do not know what happens next. You must act according to the words of your - leader. Even if a small boy clad in Khadi comes here, and directs, you must all obey him. The Sathyagrahis will be coming now and they will be garlanded".

At this hour the two Sathyagrahis arrived at the Central Police Station Chowk carrying the pole and the pot containing chunam and stood to a side at the southern end opposite to the Central Police Station.

At 8-35 A.M., the members of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha came from Irwin road on Prabhat pheri and stood to a side in Dodpet road facing Clock Tower.

The two Sathyagrahis were garlanded by A.Shivanna and B.Subba--raya Upadhyaya.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressing the police said thus :- " It is informed by the Sathyagrahis of yesterday that the pole was taken possession of by the police by chuckling them (Cries of shame). My earnest request to you is, do not touch their person. Without doing that you can exhibit your strength.

Finally he appealed to the public to watch what takes place and not to come away even if the police were to beat the Sathyagrahis or if there were to be blood-shed.

At 8-40 A.M., the two Sathyagrahis carrying the pole and the pot containing chunam accompanied by Eswara Rao (holding the Congress Flag), B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came as far as the foot-path in front of the Central Police Station. The two Sathyagrahis lifted up the pole and said that they are going to white wash against the name "Hamilton Building". In the meanwhile the green bamboo pole gave way in the centre and the upper portion bent down. The two Sathyagrahis still held the broken pole and offered resistence till it was finally wrenched from their hands by the police after some struggle. During the struggle P.V.Krishniah Naidu (Sathyagrahi) received some slight scratches on his left ar

The Police also received similar injuries on their hands. Then the two Sathyagrahis sat on the road in front of the Police Station for a few minutes and then took their seats on the foot_path in front of the Guard Room.

At 8-50 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao informed the crowd that the Sathyagraha of this day was offered in a glorious manner and that blood has come out of the bodies of the Sathyagrahis. (Cries of Shame). Hearing his words most of the crowd rushed towards the Central Police Station and when obstructed, they sat on the road in the Square in front of the Central Police Station. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao advised the crowd to get back to the vacant sites informing them that the police authorities have promised him to give proper medical treatment to the Sathyagrahis.

Eswar Rao who was holding the Congress Flag came and sat by the side of the Sathyagrahis on the foot-path and left the place with the flag a few minutes later.

At 8-55 A.M., M.N.Jois who was present on the scene came near the Sathyagrahis questioned them whether they required any treatment. They declined. However he got some Tincture Iodine and applied it on the scratches received by P.V.Krishniah Naidu.

A placard was brought and kept by the side of the Sathyagrahis. On it were written the names of the Sathyagrahis for the day.

At 9-15 A.M., the crowd began to decrease. There were about 400 persons on the vacant site to the south of the Central Police Station. At that place A.N.Suryanarayana Rao and B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya delivered speeches for about an hour. Copies of their speeches taken down by Stenographer Mr. M.V.Srinivasachar of the District Police Office are herewith enclosed.

At 9-30 A.M., A.Suryanarayana Pandit came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 9-40 A.M.,M.N.Jois went away.

At 9-45 A.M., Naraniah (Congress worker) came and made the Sathyagrahis to sit close to the foot steps in front of the Guard room (i.e., the place where the two Sathyagrahis were sitting on 18-2-39).

Javare Gowda and Shambhulingiah went on noting down the number of Police Constables and Daffedars who were standing on the road

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and also the number of the Police Bus, its seating capacity and also prepared a rough sketch of the Central Police Station from out--side.

At 10-30 A.M., the crowd decreased to 200 persons.

Eswar Rao hung up a card board to the electric pole in the chowk in front of the Central Police Station. On it had been written " [illegible] ".

At 10-40 A.M., aerated water was given to the Sathyagrahis by the Sathyagraha Committee.

At 10-45 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya was sent for and he was instructed by Inspector Mr. N.S.Subbanna to remove the card board which Eswara Rao had hung to the electric pole. Accordingly it was removed.

At 10-55 A.M., Javare Gowda came and asked for the list of Officers and men on duty at the Central Police Station and also to inform him the date of hearing of the case launched against the "arrested"bamboo poles. As he did not get a proper reply he went away after noting down the numbers of Daffedars who were on Cordon duty wit the Sathyagrahis.

At 11-5 A.M., K.V.Veerappa came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11-10 A.M., an old widow by name Venkachamma residing in Kasaba Gopaliah Street, Lashkar Mohalla, came and sat by the side of the two Sathyagrahis on the foot-path of the Central Police Station. When asked to go away she stated that she will never do so till the Kandayam is reduced and the name "Hamilton Building" is removed. Seeing her the crowd began to collect. At 12 Noon B.L.Ramaswamy Setty merchant who is residing by the side of the Central Police Station came and took her to his house by inducing her with good words. Javar Gowda and Shambhulingiah brought her back from the house of the above gentleman and made her to sit by the side of the two Sathyagrahis. Any amount of advise to her to go to her house was of no avail. At 12-50 P.M., she went away to her house of her own accordin expressing that she cannot bear the heat of the sun. Her photo with the two Sathyagrahis was taken by "Tai Nadu" correspondent.

At 12-15 P.M., T.Rajam Setty came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 1 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and enquired whether he could send for some tiffin. They declined. So he went away.

At 2-20 P.M., A.Shivanna came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 2-30 P.M., young boys numbering about 25 - 30 were engaged in shouting several jais and "Down with Hamilton", standing on the road in front of the Central Police Station. They threw a small rubber ball towards the building 2 - 3 times. Though they were warned, they did not heed to the directions of the police.

At 4 P.M., S.S.Chakravarthy (Sathyagrahi on 18-2-39) and M.Shama Rao came and having given oranges to the two Sathyagrahis, went away.

At 4-15 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 4-20 P.M., about 20 boys holding a Congress Flag left towards the Irwin Road shouting several jais and "Down with Hamilton". They returned to the Central Police Station Chowk at 4-30 P.M. & went towards St. Philomena Church.

From 4-25 P.M. to 5-30 P.M., S.S.Chakravarthy, T.Narayana Gowda, Chikkarudrappa, & Javare Gowda delivered speeches in the vacant site to the south of the Central Police Station. Copies of their speeches are herewith enclosed.

At 5 P.M., about 7 - 8 high class Hindu ladies came, bowed to the Sathyagrahis and having given them oranges and plantains, went away.

The crowd began to increase.

From 5-15 to 5-45 P.M., about 200 boys came and stood on the road in front of the Central Police Station and began to shout and their behaviour was mischievous and vulgar. With great effort they were advised to keep back and to remain on the vacant sites. Afterwards they heeded to the advise and kept back

At 5-45 P.M., the crowd increased to about 2000.

At 5-50 P.M., K.V.Veerappa came and advised the small boys who were creating a lot of mischief standing on the road in front of the Central Police Station to behave better. His advise was of no avail. The mischievous activities continued to the last.

At 5-55 P.M., some European ladies passed in front of the Central Police Station. Then the crowd shouted "Down with Hamilton" prompted by M.Shama Rao.

At 6 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came with flowers. Both the Sathyagrahis left their sitting place taking away the brush & the pot containing chunam and proceeded to Subbarayanakere Maidan followed by several persons. Before they left the Central Police Station Square they were garlanded by B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya. The crowd gradually dispersed.

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Dated 19-2-39

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M.D.NO.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held in connection with the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha in the maidan to the front of the Central Police Station, Mysore, on Sunday the 19th February 1939 at 9 A.M. About 200 people attended the meeting.

Mr. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor, Kalabhavanam and member of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

You must know the meaning of the Sathyagraha that we are observing now. The repression of the British Government is very great in the whole of British India, and Indian India. Our Government have appointed many Britishers in our Government. Thousands of rupees have been looted by them. Almost all high positions have been occupied by the Britishers. Most of the commodities that we are buying in the market come from foreign places. Our money is being looted by the foreigners in many ways. Our India was once a very wealthy country. The chains with which our ancestors used to tie the cows was made of gold and the pots were made of silver. Now we have no wealth at all. Poverty is increasing day by day. In our State, there are many officers whose salary ranges from Rs.15/- to Rs.5,000/-. The Officers must understand that they are your servants. There are many Government servants who draw a salary of Rs.15/- and who do not get more than Rs.50/-. If they work they will get their pay; if not, they do not get their salary. They have some power to help the people. They have thought that they are the servants of the Government and it is not their business to help the people. In the present circumstances, the havoc of the British people is very great. Our Government is a servant of the British Imperialism. This Hamilton Building Sathyagraha is not levelled against the Mysore Government. Then why are we agitating to remove the name-board Hamilton Building? There are 65 lakhs of people in Mysore. All of us have honour and respect. India was a country which was full of brave people, when even women used to ride on horses and fight at time of necessity. Today what are we finding here? Our country is ruled by His Highness the Maharaja. Many muslims, and Hindus and people of other communities form the population of our country. All these people are not united. We must forget our differences in the present time. The hot sun in which you are standing is the same for every one irrespective of your caste or creed. We are drinking the same water that is given to us by God. Without uniting the five fingers of the hand it is impossible for us to eat. Everyone must have felt this difficulty. Both Hindus and Muslims have worked for a long time and

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and have brought fame and name to our country. Now the named Hamilton Building has been put upon this building. It is your duty to do away with this shame. Do you know Mr.Hamilton? Mr. Nariman had come to our State to give his message. He had not come here to set up one class of people against another class of people. Mr. Hamilton ordered to open fire when the people were listening to his speech. The name of such a person has been put there. We are acting according to the compromise that has been concluded between the Government and the Congress. Why should that bad name come in our good country. Many innocent pilgrims had come to Viduraswatha to get the blessing of God. If I talk any bad things now, I will be held responsible for the same. Similarly, it would have been better if the Congress people had been punished at Viduraswatha. Instead of that, many innocent pilgrims have been killed. Such a butcher's name has been kept here. (Shame). The Muhharum is coming near. Many Hindus are taking part in the Muhharum. We are daily seeing many Hindus including women going to the tombs of Muslims and worshipping them. If we see all these things, I do not see any difference between the Muslims and the Hindus. The same God is called by different names, such as Allah, Christ and etc. The milk of the cow has made our babies stout and strong. So also the Muslims babies have become. Hence, it is quite necessary that we must cultivate to treat others as our brethren. In the Mysore District, we have a Muslim Deputy Commissioner. His name is Mr.Mehkri. He has brought much fame to our State. He has protected us like God. It is he who has given peace to this Sathyagraha. You must clearly understand this. While writing the history of Mysore, his name will be written in golden letters since he is the person who established peace in Mysore. (Claps). We have no jealousy upon any person. Even if we have any such thing, it is high time that we must shun it away. He is getting the same amount of salary as other Deputy Commissioners are taking. Why then, in Viduraswatha such a bad calamity happened? Mr.Mehkri is responsible for the peace of Mysore. Let him bring much fame to our country. I must say a few words about Mr.Hamilton, who is the head of the Police Department. Thousands of rupees have been given to him as salary. That money comes from the Treasury; and not from the skies. (He appealed to the people to be careful about their pockets). The money comes to the Government from the poor ryot who earns a little amount of money and who has not got sufficient food and clothing. Though put in hard struggles, he is paying the revenue to the Government. The lathies

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lathies of the Police have been bought from the money of the poor ryot. Their guns also have been bought similarly. They are maintained by the poor. To tell you in one word, their living comes out of your money which you give to the Government as revenue. Only Rs.15/- have been given to the Constables and the Government have separated them from us. They have been asked to keep aloof. If circumstances arise, they will be ordered to hit us, or open fire upon us. Mr. Hamilton is retiring from the service. Who will occupy that place? Which capable person is there in Mysore other than Mr. Mehkri to occupy that responsible place. You must all request the Government to appoint Mr.Mehkri in that place. The Government cannot do anything at all since they are servants to a foreign power. In this Sathyagraha of this day, one Sathyagrahi received some injuries and he is bleeding. You must understand that his blood is your blood. To-morrow you may bleed in the same manner. You must understand that the British Imperialism is responsible for that bleeding. I think that Mr.Mehkri, Deputy Commissioner, Mysore has addressed the Government about this Sathyagraha. The Government have not cared for his letter. Our Government is tied by a chain to the British Imperialism. If we draw that chain a bit, the British Imperialism will receive a setback. We are seeing that the Police are not using any high-handedness. There are many capable men here who can draw that chain to our side and in that pulling the chain may go to pieces even. (Clapa). Since Mr.Hamilton is going away, he takes this shame along with him. In the same way, Mr.Peel will get this shame as soon as he comes to our country. Both will have our ಶಾಪ.

During the Birthday procession, His Highness must come in this road. Why should he see this bad name - Hamilton Building. If he is to be happy, this name must be removed. Now I will give you a small instance. I had read one statement of news in some newspaper. An old woman of 70 years of some State had written a letter to the Viceroy stating that if the Police did any high-handedness in the country and if any person is injured, she would suicide herself. Such is the strength of the mind of that old woman. If Her Highness the Regent was living at this time, she would have come and sat down here along with us till the name-board was removed. The Britishers must go away from India. You must clap your hands. Your clapping will sound a death-knell to the Britishers. While we were holding a public meeting in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, I was introduced to Mr.Jevare Gowda, a man of the village. Then he was given permission to speak for 5 minutes. Mr.Jevare Gowda spoke very well. I was sorry at

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at that time since such good speakers have not got opportunities to speak. He spoke in Hindi for some time. If Mahatmaji had heard his speech, he would have embraced him at that moment alone. It is our duty to serve you. Mr. Jevare Gowda represents the villagers. The beauty of the cities is due to the villages. All the hospitals in cities have been maintained by the villages. In the present system of administration, there are none to look after the welfare of the villagers. There is no drinking water in Gundlupet. When we had gone there, the villagers told us that they do not want hospitals or schools or any other institutions; but they wanted drinking water. But the Government are not heeding to the wishes of the ryots. I think that many of you have observed Shivarathri. So also you have observed many "Yekadasis". But you have not understood the meaning at all. All people irrespective of their wealth must fast on "Yekadasi". But many people spend 8 annas instead of four annas for tiffin on that day. It is not the meaning at all. If you want to observe the "Yekadasi", you must set apart all the commodities that you use for cooking that day and all those commodities have to go to the people who are suffering in some respect. We ourselves must go to their homes and give them food. We have forgotten this meaning. I request all of you to fast on that day which we call "Yekadasi". You must give all your commodities that you use for cooking to the Sathyagraha Committee which will be distributed among the needy. We can easily compare our Government to an elephant and this Sathyagraha to the iron rod with which the elephant is goaded. The muslims are very capable in taming elephants. The Britishers took away a muslim boy from Mysore; and they are making a living out of him. In Bangalore, the people are better united than in Mysore. The Bangalore Municipality decided to levy Professional tax upon all people who earn more than Rs.30/- per mensem. How can the people pay such unnecessary tax? When the people have not got sufficient food and clothing itself, how can they be expected to pay the Professional Tax? All the people of Bangalore united together and observed a great Hartal. Their attempt was a very successful one. All the muslims as well as Hindus shut down their shops. The citizens were not able to get a lemon or some beedies. One gentleman was unable to get cigarettes and he was forced to smoke beedies on that day on account of that successful Hartal. People who were messing in Hotels did not get their food on that day. Some of them requested their neighbours and got a cup of milk or butter-milk and quenched their thirst on that day. Such was the magnificence of the Hartal on that day. When the people met a cart

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cart which contained a cask of arrack, they stopped the cart and turned the cask containing toddy upside down and emptied the toddy. Even the people who were addicted to drink did this work. Such unity was gained in Bangalore. Here also, you must observe Hartal on some day. Please do not wait for us to go to your shops in order to request you for the closing of the shops. Our Municipality also may attempt to impose the Professional tax upon us. When such enactment comes here, your help is urgently required. 8 or 10 days hence, we want to observe Hartal. You must lend your help in observing the Hartal. It must be so successful that no person must get one cup of coffee or one beedi. No shop must be opened even if he is given Rs.1,000/-. In Bangalore, the people obstructed traffic on the day of Hartal. But here, you must not do like that.

Mr. Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Congress worker and member of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

You have heard the speech of Mr.A.N.Suryanarayanarao. We have observed the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha till this day. This will continue till the removal of that name - "Hamilton Building". You must discipline yourselves. If you want to achieve independence, unity is the first important thing that is to be kept in mind. We have to do many things on behalf of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee. We must not have religious scruples in our work. At the same time we must remember that every one of us is a son of Mother India irrespective of his caste or creed. The people must not get excited on little things. We will be successful in our work. The success may come to us to-day or to-morrow. Truth and honesty will win in the end. Mahatma Gandhi has incessantly worked for 25 years to uplift the Congress. You must remember the agitation of 1930, in which all people were made the target of British Imperialism. All the people acted according to the advice of Mahatma Gandhi. If you work hard with pure heart and speech, then this name " Hamilton Building" will go away, since there is no "Satya" in it. Can it remain in that place though it is condemned by many people! There are many great questions staring before us. We are trying to solve them one by one. Please contrast your position with that of your ancestors. Your ancestors were very happy. We must root out the British Imperialism which has taken its place here from 250 years. In this work, we have to pace very cautiously. Now this Sathyagraha has been started. Many people from different places are coming here to offer sathyagraha. My friend referred to the work of the Municipality. There are

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30 members in the Municipal Council, of whom 24 are elected members and 6 are nominated members. Many of the present Municipal Councillors do not care for the welfare of the people. They will support the imposition of taxes like Latrine Tax and etc. Of course, without imposing the tax, the Municipality cannot work. But at the same time it is their duty to show the ways in which the people can increase their income. Many of them are being benefited by their posts and they have grown like Bandicoots. You must work according to the words of the Congress people. Then only we will achieve independence; and the whole of India will get indpendence in the same manner. We will have only one Flag flying all over India and Mahatma Gandhi will become our Emperor. Then you will reap the fruits of the Sathyagraha. Now you can return to your homes. Again at 4 O'Clock there will be speeches in this place. Please attend the same.

Then the meeting terminated with cries of several Jais at 10 A.M.

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S.B.No.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held in connection with the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha in the maidan to the front of the Control Police Station on Sunday the 19th February 1939 at 4-25 P.M. About 150 people attended the meeting, most of them were young boys.

Mr. S.S.Chakravarthy, Congress Worker, Saligram, next spoke thus.-

The Police have shown their bravery in breaking the pot. We do not rest content with removing these 8 or 10 letters which constitute the name "Hamilton Building". Those people who came to India with a balance from 6,000 miles away, must be forced to quit our country. They must quit India itself. This Sathyagraha is aimed at driving out the Britishers from India. There are only 2 lakhs of Britishers in India. But the Indian population is 35 crores of people. At any moment we can kill them and throw them into Subbarayanakere. This is the first Sathyagraha that we are carrying out successfully to achieve our aim. Some speaker has said that the Native Rulers are the agencies of the British people. We do not want such Maharajas. We must drag them out of their thrones. In 1930 Mahatmaji began the famous Salt Sathyagraha. Mahatmaji advised all the people to prepare salt, since the English people have put much tax upon salt. One maund of salt can be prepared at a cost of 8 pies; but the tax that is put upon it is Rs.2½/-. This Sathyagraha is aimed at erasing the name Hamilton Building and also against the Britishers. The term "Responsible Government" means that there must be elected ministers instead of the present ministry. The elected ministry will care much for the villagers. There is no water in the villages. Many villagers have not got clothes to wear and those who possess clothes wash them once in 6 months. Many of them cannot get even one meal. We have ourselves seen many beggars eating up the thrown out food. There is no use in having Maharajas who do not care for the good of the people. The revenue is paid to the Government after selling away all their properties. Then it is the duty of the Government to look to our welfare.

Mr.T.Narayana Gowda, Budigere, Devanahalli Taluk, next spoke thus.-

My predecessor has told you something against the Maharaja. It is not good to speak in that manner. Many Maharajas are trying their best to grant Responsible Government to their people. But the Paramount Power are placing

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placing obstructions for the Native Rulers to grant Responsible Government. In Rajkot, we can see the hand of the British Imperialism very clearly. has been sent away from that State. Now the Governor is obstructing the Maharaja. Now there is a severe fight between the Government of India and the people. Please be prepared for the next fight. The crops have failed. In the last Representative Assembly, it was brought to the notice of the Government that the Taluk Amildars are using many severe modes of collecting the revenue. Then the Revenue Commissioner has issued instructions to the subordinate revenue officers not to use such means in the collection of the revenue. The ryots are given a chance to pay their land-tax in small instalments. First of all there were no Englishmen in our country. Then we had sufficient food and clothes. The English people have not got food-stuffs in their country and hence they came over to India. Then our Muslim Emperors were ruling India. Being very kind people they gave some trade concessions to the Europeans. Then they began to set up one against the other and thus built an Empire. If India goes out of their hands their sun will set. If we want to be free from all these troubles, we must drive away the Europeans. This Satyagraha is aimed at driving them. In Jaipur we are seeing a severe fight for Responsible Government. Sri Jamnalal Bajaj has been arrested and the association of the people has been declared unlawful. In Rajkot Srimath Kasturibai Gandhi has been imprisoned since she took part in the agitation for Responsible Government. Here also we must try to achieve Responsible Government and also to drive the Europeans from our State. The Government concluded a compromise with the Congress. But they are seen transgressing the terms of compromise. This is a very shameful affair to His Highness and also to his Government. Many shanbhogas, patels and teachers have been dismissed since they took part in the Congress movement. The deportation order of Mr. B.N.Gupta has been withdrawn. I do not know whether the same will be done in respect of Mr. Monnich. If they do not do so, all the 65 lakhs of people of Mysore will carry on severe agitation. I request you to help us in our Satyagraha to remove the 'Hamilton-Building' Board.

Mr. Chichrudrappa of Devanahalli Taluk next spoke thus:

Our friends have begun Satyagraha in right earnest. My predecessor has spoken well. But I do not know much. I may tell you a few words about our present condition. Last time when we carried on the agitation Sirdar Vallabhai Patel negotiated with the Government and a compromise was effected. As a result of it, the Congress was recognised as a political party. All the prohibitory orders were

were withdrawn. Some of the Congress people accepted these terms without consulting the others. They have not given credence to their opinion. A cut-motion had been brought in the Legislative Council by Srimathi Yeshodamma Dasappa about Hamilton Building. But it was lost. The Government themselves have accepted the principle that names of officers should not be used for any building. Old people who are aged more than 60 years have been appointed in our State. Another old man who is also aged more than 60 years ~~is~~ was the Chairman of the Vidurasvatha Enquiry Committee and nearly 40,000/- were spent for this. In the Reforms Committee there are 7 Congress members. It is stated that the Reforms Committee can recommend the grant of Responsible Government to the people. Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty has resigned his membership from the Congress and yet he has not tendered his resignation from the Reforms Committee. I think there must be some underhand dealings of the Government. The Congress must have asked him first to tender his resignation to the Reforms Committee. But they did not do so. Mr. K.V. Anantaramaiah was a member of the Reforms Committee before he became the Second Councillor. Now in his place Mr. Mahadeviah has been appointed. If that is ~~this~~ possible, why should not the Government appoint Mr. H. Siddiah in place of Chandrasekhara Setty. The Government are employing some tactics to break the unity of the Congress. But it is not possible. According to the compromise, all the prohibitory orders must have been withdrawn. In Closepet the Government have launched a scheme of prohibition. The Congress people also wanted to co-operate with it and carried on a severe anti-drink propaganda. But the police have launched some cases against the volunteers. Security proceedings have been taken against some of the volunteers. All these testify to the repressive policy of the Government. After accepting the terms of the compromise the Government are transgressing the same. Now, the Congress has decided not to co-operate with the Reforms Committee. The Government have addressed a letter to the Congress asking them to give a definite reply as to their decision in not attending the meetings of the Reforms Committee. This shows the double-headed policy of the Government. In the last Representative Assembly, the Government withdrew the prohibitory orders in Mysore after getting an assurance from Mr. M. T. Bheshyam and their friends. They have not said that they had withdrawn them from the assurance given by the Congress members. In their estimation the Congress has become an association whose name should not be pronounced. The Government are not keeping up the terms of the compromise. Now, we must not accept any body's advice before we achieve Responsible Government. We must make up our

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our minds to root out this slavish Government. We must follow the advise of Gandhiji and achieve Responsible Government. We are very poor. The Government officers are not caring for our welfare. Many of them also are poor and they are getting their livelihood from Government employment. Since the police have worked well from some days they have to be given medals. Our Maharaja is a Kshatria by caste and it is his duty to protect us. But he is a slave of the Imperialists. Now we will show our power and free our Maharaja from slavery. We will drive out the Englishman and become loyal subjects of His Highness We must not rest until we achieve Responsible Government and drive out the Britishers from our State.

Mr. Javaregonda of Nagamangala then spoke thus

Since we have to go to Subbarayankere, I will speak only a few words. In the Legislative Council the Government have discouraged the naming of buildings after the names of Government officers. But at the sametime the Dewan has said that he has taken the responsibility for naming this so. In the same manner we are seeing the double policy of Government with regard to drink. Nearly 40,000 has been spent on Vidurasvatha Enquiry Committee. If the same had been spent to better the conditions of the poor people it would have been better. The Government themselves encourage the people to drink liquors . They are themselves imprisoning us if we drink heavily and annoy. To avoid these troubles we must cut down the palm trees. The villages have not been connected with other places with good roads. The Government Officers cannot visit our villages for the collection of revenue. I will say that there is no necessity for the officers to visit our places. So also, we will not visit cities like Mysore. In the regime of Tippu Sulten there were many examples to show that the Hindus and Muslims lived happily side by side. There we used to find Masjids and temples side by side. There was no room at all for the great Police Force which is found here at the present time. Those people have successfully broken a pot. In Cities the Government may put section 144 Cr.P.C. If they can let them put all 284 section in the villages. This Government is working like the Government of Muhamad Bin Tuglak. Even at that time, the idea of the Goverment was very good; but their execution was bad. The appointment of Ramesam Committee is a very good idea. But its recommendation are not wanted by any one. The British Government have introduced paper currency and have taken away all the gold and silver from our country. Let

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me take the example of Post Offices. The Postal Department have only rented buildings. Whenever they are asked to go away from our country, they can easily go away leaving away their rented buildings. Some people say that there are bitter communal feelings between the Muslims and the Hindus. The muslims in the villages absolutely nothing. They know to eat and smoke beedies. Both the people of the two communities have taken our birth in the same country. In Vidurasvatha, Mr.Adaje Gowda ordered to open fire upon the mob. To-morrow, Mr.Ananthaaman may order to open fire upon people. So, there is no community feeling between the people. Nobody knows what happens next. Mr.H.Siddiah suggested to the Government that the pay of the village school masters must be increased. Many of them receive a salry of Rs.7/-, Rs.9/-, and sometimes Rs.15/- per month. It seems that the Dewan asked a village school master thus.- "How is the water supplied to the latrines in the Railway carriages". The teacher replied that the water is supplied from the Engine. It seems that the Dewan was dissatisfied with the reply of the teacher. The same Dewan was unable to say whether the Ragi Plant was a plant or a tree. If I had received such a reply and if I had power to appoint or dismiss him, I would have not given him a salary of Rs.6/-. only. The village school master can be pardoned since he might not have travelled in a Railway on account of his poverty. Many of the villagers have no food at all. Many of them have not heard a gramaphone. When some people of our vill go had come for Dasara, they were surprised to see the fountain at the Hardinge Circle. They were unable to account for the Red or green colour of the water of the fountain. They do not know as to how the water comes in the tap. Many of them say that water comes in the tap on account of the "Satya" of His Highness. They are such ignorant people. They do their work and are content with their crops. This Government is not looking for the welfare of the people. They are trying to put down the movement of the Congress with the help of their repressive policy. But it is not possible for them to put down this movement. We are very sorry for the affairs in Rajkot and other Native States. To-day I have done some C.I.D.work. I have noted down the names of all the Police Constables who broke the pot yesterday. We have to present them with small pots since they have shown their bravery yesterday in breaking the pot. In the recent issue of Prjamitra, it is stated that 60% of the earnings are paid to the Government in the form of taxes; and the rest is used for his welfare. To contrast this, the wives of the Officers will wear much jewelry and gaudy dress. We do not want any police force at all, since we are all very poor. When we grow

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grow strong and sturdy, then we may require the Police. Nearly 50 or 75 thousands of rupees have been spent upon this Hamilton Building. You may say that there are many places which have been named after officers like Irwin Canal and etc. During the Ugadi, we will white-wash our houses. At this time, we must white-wash this Hamilton Building also. It is better if the Government build a separate building near the butcher shops in Santhepet and name it as Hamilton Building. Till now, we had not seen butchers of human beings. But now we are seeing this Mr. Hamilton. During these 3 or 4 days the Police have arrested the bamboo since they could not arrest any persons. The pot of the Satyagraha is the part of Dharmaraya. It must not be broken at all. In the villages, a pot will be broken when some person dies in a particular house. I think that Mr. Hamilton is dead since a pot is broken before the Hamilton Building. The Police have not got power at all. They were unable to control the small boys who had assembled near the Hamilton Building. After 3 days we will change our programme in observing the Sathyagraha. Mr. Hamilton's name has been ~~kept~~ given to this building. But he is not at all seen here on any day. The Police also are sitting in the hot sun. I think that it will be a way to digest their extra-fat. Since we have to go to Subbarayanakere, I will close my speech.

Then the meeting closed at 5-25 P.M. with cries of several jais.

SD. H.V.Srenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, 19-2-1939.

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H. Srinivasachar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.
19-2-1939.

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S.B.No.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore, held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, on Saturday the 18th February 1939 at 6-45 P.M. About 1,700 people had assembled.

Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, Convener, Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, spoke thus:-

The fourth day of our Sathyagraha is completed Daily we are sending two members to perform Sathyagraha before the Hamilton Building. So far it has taken place peacefully and successfully. This pride belongs to all Mysoreans. If you all give your support as you are giving now I am sure we will realise our object. I am hearing some reports in this connection. But I am considering all these three days whether to place before you or not. I am requesting all these days to conduct yourselves peacefully. I once again request you to keep the same peace and order. Sathyagraha is not launched to decry any person. It is not meant to disgrace any individual. When Gandhiji was in South Africa a Pathan thrust a dagger into the body of Gandhiji. But Gandhiji did not feel for it. He said that the Pathan has not understood the principle of non-violence. He did not get angry against him. We must follow the principlies which Ganhiji has laid for us. We should forget our communal differences. We must consider that we are all one. We must work unitedly and then success is sure to come. You must clearly understand the principle on which we have launched this Sathyagraha. This is not against any person. We are not jealous of anybody's position. Let them remain in their positions. We do not want to displace them. This Sathyagraha is only against the principle of their rule. I am repeating this every day and I will repeat the same to-morro also. You must clearly understand this. As our brothers are fighting in British Indian to remove the British rule so also we are fighting to remove the name of this building. We are not decrying any individual. This is a work to be done by everyone. A man may commit some mistakes. To err is human.

Government must give respect to the words of the public. They cannot disregard them. What can we say to such a Government which does not hear us? I need not say anything. You can yourselves understand it. We do not know how long we have to carry on this agitation. We are not having as much public support as we expected. If all our Mysoreans had agitated and represented to the Government that they do not want this name to/given to this building, it would have/long ago. Even now they have not done any such thing. All the 1 lakh and 20 thousands of people who live in this City must put a united front. The eight Districts must fight against the Government. Let us see whether they will yield or not. Now Mr.A.Suryanarayana Pandit will speak about the principle of this Sathyagraha.

Mr.A.Suryanarayana Pandit, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

Many of my friends are asking me several questions about this Sathyagraha. I was tired to give them replies. I want to place them before you. Hence I requested Mr.Upadhyaya voluntarily to give an opportunity to speak to you. I am thankful to Mr. Upadhyaya for giving me this opportunity. One of the questions asked is what is the relation between Responsible Government and this Sathyagraha. They say what is the use for the ryot if they remove the board, The persons who ask these questions are not those who are ignorant of things. These questions were asked by students who have studied big books in Colleges, who have read volumes of Politics and yet put such questions. I asked them to show one example where things have started from big problems alone. All Sathyagrahas have begun from small things. But they end in big problems. Gandhiji did not take an army when he started to Dandi for his Salt Sathyagraha. He had only 11 followers. Gandhiji went to Dandi with in his hand and uttering Ramanama. Lord Irwin said that he had seen many dramas and this drama of Mahatmaji was a new one. Mahatmaji said that his 11 followers are not important. His is not important. If he minds he can raise a battalion by raising

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raising his one finger. The rich merchants of Bombay would have supported ~~the~~ him. But ~~it~~ the 11 members whom he had taken with him were sufficient. Number is not important But self-power is important. If we possess spiritual power we need not fear anybody. Lord Irwin who laughed in the beginning was astonished after a few months when this Sathyagraha ~~grew~~ spread throughout the country. Hence we ~~need~~ do not require a greant number. We cannot expect success at once. We cannot expect the impossible fear of catching the Moon by ~~holding~~ stretching our hand. You may be anxious to see hundreds of people going to jail and the arrested persons garlanded. You must leave such hopes. Secondly the founder of ~~this growth~~ Sathyagraha is Gandhiji. It is he who instituted this principle. He did not start his Sathyagrahas from big problems. It is small things that gave rise to his Sathyagrahas. Of course, it may end in big things. You cannot expect ~~x~~ it to happen in the start itself. To-day we see the struggle going on in Jaipur and Rajkot. What are the causes? They are not big. They did not start their agitation for Responsible Government at once. In Rajkot the main cause which gave place to this big struggle was the taxation on matches. In Jaipur Mr.Jamnalal Bajaj has taken the lead now. Mr.Bajaj is not fighting for Responsible Government. He says that he does not want Responsible Government now. First he wants that the Praja Mandal must be recognised. He is such a powerful leader that even if 100 leaders among us ~~is~~ are put together we cannot make one Jamanalal Bajaj. He wants the Government to remove the ban on Praja Mandal. My friends who talk of Responsible Government sitting cosily on arm-chairs sipping coffee and ~~si~~ discuss this question know very little of it. They asked me why they should not fight for Responsible Government instead of fighting against this Hamilton Building. There is no use in passing judgments and criticisms. Let them start agitation for Responsible Government to-day. I am prepared to give him all the volunteers help. I will send all the volunteers who have come here for Hamilton Building Sathyagraha to fight for Responsible Government. Let them take the lead for Responsible Government. Why should they pass unwanted comments.

They do not want to take lead. They merely obstruct those who work for the people. We are also ordinary persons. We have no extraordinary power. They forget that everything should begin from small things to big. We do not want electricity. It is enough if we have a candle. Nobody should consider that this Sathyagraha is a small affair. It burns my heart. That is why I came to speak. I cannot take part in this Sathyagraha as I am bound up for 4 months. Sathyagraha is not the gathering of people arresting of the Police and putting them into jails. Though you would be glad to see that sight, it is not real Sathyagraha. It is a slow revolution. It is silent suffering. When Lokamanya Tilak was put in jail, he said that he was pleased to die in jail if God willed it so. When Tilk went to jail, nobody passed resolutions as is done now. There were no people to shed tears for him. Such was the state of mass consciousness. But today what do you see? If an ordinary person like myself goes to jail hundreds of persons gather to see me arrested and taking me to jail. Hundreds of resolutions will be passed. But when Tilak went to jail there was not even a single person to shed tears. When Gandhiji was put in the Yerawada jail people gathered round the jail as people would gather before a temple. By that time things had improved. You must understand that principle is important and not the matter. Nobody should think that this is a small affair. Some people say that we are nothing before the Police and the ammunition. I say to them that they need not fear ammunition. That ammunition can be burnt with the help of our soul-power(ఆత్మ శక్తి). Some people are saying that only boys are sent as Sathyagrahies before the Hamilton Building and not the leaders. I cannot under-stand this. Can we call them who go there with divine power as boys? They are prepared to sacrifice their lives, and they go with a divine mission. We cannot call them as boys. It is a mistake. We cannot expect success in a day. It will be like" ఒక్క రోజు లో సత్ఫలితాలు కలుగుతాయి? అది శత్రువుల తో పోరాడి చిత్రం గెల్చి మనము నిలబడి పోరాడడానికి. I only pray God to give us strength to carry on this struggle with more vehemence and courage.

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Mr. M.N.Joia, Congress Worker and Political Suspect, Mysore next spoke thus:-

When I last spoke on the 14th instant I had said that I woul not speak in the meeting till the 18th. But it is no promise. Yet since my friends have requested me to speak a few words I have to do so. I am not prepared. So whatever comes from my mouth, if at all there will be anything, it comes out due to your inspiration. It is already four days since the Sathyagraha has starte Without caring for sun or wind our friends had sat before the Hamilton Building. When I had been there this morning one gentleman asked me whether I had been to the temple. I said 'Yes'. But the objects to which we referred were different. He thought that I had gone to the temple since this is the day after the Sivarathri. But I referred to the God whom I saw before the Hamilton Building performing Sathyagraha. People had gathered before the building like devotees visiting Anjaneya temple. By this everybody has come to know the purpose of this Sathyagraha and who Hamilton is, and what work he has turned out. In addition to this the Sathyagraha has been started in the right place, which is on the road Bangalore-Niligiris. Since this is the summer season many Europeans are travelling through this road to Niligiris and other places. They have all come to know why this gathering was standing before the building. While the people are peaceful, the Police have guarded themselves with lathies, guns and ammunition. They stand in a line as though they are giving a Guard-of-Honour to the Sathyagrahies, which is usually given to men of high position. Many Europeans have come and questioned us why we had collected there. I myself replied to several such Europeans. We are sending this news through motor cars to all the countries. Hamilton's fame is spreading throught out quickly and easily. Many people are questioning how long this struggle would continue. They want change as they like change of programme in cinemas. They do not want to see the same picture run in the theatre. But they forget that it is beneficial to Proprietor. To-day there was some change in our programme. I also to know the way in which our people conducted themselves. really glad that they were peaceful. Our Police are af

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afraid of the mob. But since our people are peaceful they need not fear. They do their duty from the point of salary they receive after the day's work. They return home satisfied that they receive the wages of that day with certainty, Whereas our Sathyagrahies go there without any certainty of their return from the place. The Sathyagrahies think that if they come home they will not have done any useful work. They will not have realised their object. Either he must go to jail or he must realise his object of wiping off those letters. That is the difference between a public servant and the Government official. Those people who have not given us support, whether they be private individuals or Government servants, they are also our friends. The same Police officials who obstruct us from entering the building will salute us when we get Responsible Government and will show the way. The same thing happened in Madras.

We should not abuse our Police officials. We should not cry or shout bad names against them. For some reason or the other they have to work in the Department for their livelihood. But they also have the same heart as we have. They can also feel as we feel. They have wives and children as we have. We should co-operate with them. It is already 4 days since the Sathyagraha was started. The Police are taking photoes daily just to keep a record of their actions. Let the Government see the photo in which a Police official is seizing the pole by means of giving [illegible] to the Sathyagrahies. Is it not shameful? Why should they do it when there was peace and order in the people? Nobody should think that this Sathyagraha is a minor issue. I should say that Responsible Government is a minor issue and this Sathyagraha is a major issue. When the question was raised in the Legialative Council the Dewan said that he was proud to give the name of Hamilton to this Police Station. Afterwards he confessed his mistake. But he says 'how can I change the name when I have already given it.' Has he not got courage to do it? Is he powerless? If it is so, he is not fit to occupy the position of the Dewan. The Government lacks the public support. It is existing mainly on the support of British Imperialism. It is ruling like an Insurance Office

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whose Head Office is in Bombay and whose representative or Agent is working here. When the Head Office liquidates what can you get from the Agent. So also our Government. When the British Imperialism is driven out from Indian automatically these States will go away. The Government is getting a revenue of 40 lakhs per year from drink. The palm trees must be cut down. (Claps). We must put an end to this evil of drink. If they do not do it we will have to do it. The Government does not allow cattle to graze. They will allow the grass to go to waste. If wood is cut in the forest they will punish. Such laws must be removed from the State. The Sathyagraha Committee has to undertake these measures. What do you think the Sathyagraha Committee is? It is not holding lectures and returning home quietly. You must all co-operate in achieving these objects. You should not wait for any leader. Everyone is a leader. We should think that our Sathyagrahies are boys. If people simply pass arm-chair criticisms I should say to them that they are cowards. If they are really courageous, let them come forwar If they say we are wrong let them come to lead us. This Sathyagraha is not a small affair. It has a great significance. Were they not little things that lead to severe outbreaks in Jaipur and Rajkot. Did not Gandhiji start his movement with Salt Campaign? No true politician can say that this has no significance. True politics is always "to develop the struggle in the right lines." Those who call this Sathyagraha as a little affair I would say they are only boys in the field of Politics. You have already read the "appreciative letter" of Hamilton to our Highness. It is nothing but his arrogance that prompted him to write such a lette Who is he to congratulate our Highness? (Shame) Now I only ask you to give your whole hearted support to the Congress. I know what we are doing is right. But due to household reasons I cannot take part in the Sathyagraha. I pray God to give the Sathyagrahies the strength of mind and body to carry out the mission. Then we will meet in the same Maidan and raise of banner of freedom.

Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, Mysore, again spoke thus:-

It is already very late. Now Mr.Rajam will speak for

for a few minutes.

Mr.T.Rajam Setty, Secretary, Yuvajana Sangha, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

" ఈగ మీద దూంతి ఒంటు విళుతాంట ఉశిదిది. అదు జ్యాదిమి తోళిగే విళుతాంట.

I cannot stir out of my house. Everybody asks me"what happened to Hamilton?" I said that he is quite alright in his Office. It aroused anxiety in me when they asked"What happened to Hamilton?" Then they said,"Not to Hamilton, but to Hamilton Building". The Government will realise only on the day when the Sathyagrahies die before the Building due to heart-failure or sun stroke in the burning sun. Let us see what they will do then. Then the intermediaries between our Highness and us will realise. They will not realise their injustice till then. We are fighting to liberate our mother country(మీద దూంతు మంత్రి from the bondage of these Officers. We should not wait for out leaders. In my opinion every person who serves his country is a leader. Hamilton Building belongs to every Mysorean. It belongs to all the 8 Districts. " శాంతము లేకుండా గాలి ఇల్లుము లేదు " At Sivapura there was perfect peace and order. The intermediaries also behaved peacefully. You know the bus accident at Talaguppa. Our Highness donated Rs.500/- towards the bereaved family. How many lorries tumbled down in our State? Who is to ask them? But since the Police suffered the Government gave them money, While the public suffers nobody asks. Moreover the bus was overloaded. How many buses go overloaded? The Police put up cases against the poor drivers while if they themselves commit mistakes nobody will check them. Is this justice? If we have to die to-day they will also have to die to-morrow. Let us die for our country to-day alone. Let us sacrifice ourselves to our country. We want to make this "దశరాజ్యం" a real Ramarajya. (Since he was called upon to take his seat he closed his speech). As my time is over I will close my speech.

Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Mysore, again spoke thus:-

The fourth day of our Sathyagraha is completed. When I informed my friends about the morning's incident, they all got anxious to see the morning scene. But I told them that to-day's programme will be continued for 2-3 days more. They

can come and witness the scene to-morrow as it is Sunday. I hope there will be a good rush. But I request you all to keep peace and order. Our leaders must be glad to hear that the crowd behaved very well in the morning. Even a boy did not move a step from his place. Everyone was witnessing the scene, that took place between our Sathyagrahies and the Police. They had carried a big pole with a brush in the end. There was a board in the centre on which was written "Down with Hamilton" in English and " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಮಲಿಯಲಿ ಎಂದು" in Kannada. The pole was about 30 ft. in length. Many took photoes. Even an European took the photo of the scene. When our Sathyagrahies proceeded towards the building, the Police officials came to front. So far the Constables who get 15 Rs. pay were doing the duty. But to-day we gave a little work to our Police Officers who eat fat salaries. They themselves had taken the lead. The Constables were behind. The Police Officials seized away the pole from the hands of the Sathyagrahies. In the little fight a little accident took place. One of the Sathyagrahies received a wound on his hand while the Police seized the pole. While the two parties were in this attack the crowd did not move an inch from their places. If our people had rushed forward the Police would have been crushed. But you must not behave like that. You must be peaceful. They have to do their duty and we have to do ours. To-morrow's Sathyagrahies are stronger than to-day. We hope to white-wash one letter at least. Inch by inch we will try to white-wash the whole name by the end of this week. But let us see what will happen. I will show you the two Sathyagrahies who took part to-day. (When the light was brought before the Sathyagrahies it extinghished itself. There was complete darkness. Then Mr.M.N.Jois said that they do not require any external light but it was sufficient if they have the light from within. So saying he sat down). I will announce the names at least. One of them is Mr.S.S.Chakravarthy of Saligrama. Another person is Mr.U.Kenchappa of Mysore alone. Give your blessings to these youngmen so that they may work with more

more zeal and zest. I am glad to announce that some youngmen of Mandi Mohalla have collected some subscriptions to the Committee funds. Without anybody's promptings they have taken trouble to collect money in their Mohalla. They asked my permission to collect subscriptions. In the evening they have given me Rs.42-4-0. Now he gave me 0-8-0. In total, they have collected Rs.42-12-0. I was surprised at it. I am not considering the money as such. Look at the spirit with which youngmen are working. As Mr.Jois has said nobody should consider this affair as a small one. It has great significance. Let us make our country as the model just as our Highness is making Mysore the model in other respects. We must organize ourselves perfectly. We must prepare disciplined volunteers. We cannot prepare such soldiers from the educated B.As. and M.As. It is only from youngmen of the sort who are taking part in this Sathyagraha that we have to prepare. This Sathyagraha Committee is doing this work. Tomorrow's Sathyagrahies are Messrs M.B.Chandrasekhara Gowda and P.V.Krishniah Naidu. I request you to give all facilities to the Sathyagraha Committee. I will tell you one instance of the deceit done by the British businessmen. You know that Sunlight was manufactured in England. But now they have started a factory in India. To push their sales they are giving free towels with the soap. They put the seal on the soap as 'Made in India.' Our people are ignorant and do not know the deceit of these Europeans. You should not be deceived by such mischievous actions. Now it is time. We will close the lecture. But please come to the Sathyagraha to-morrow.

The meeting came to a close at 8-20 P.M. with several cries of Jais.

Sd. M.S.Sitaramiah,
Stenographer, District
Police Office, Mysore.
19-2-39.

~~Corr.~~

H. Krishnaiah
I/C DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.
19-2-39.

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Enc: one report.

Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT,

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OFFICE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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No. 6693

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith the report received from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga regarding the public meeting of some of the Congress leaders held in the jatra maidan at Rampur on the 13th instant.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

C.C.182/38-39.

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Beg to report that this day in the afternoon at 12-30 p.m. the following Congress leaders arrived in Rampur Jatra of Honnali taluk, from Shimoga and convened a public meeting in the Jatra Maidan.

1) Mr.H.C.Dasappa, Advocate, Mysore
2) Mr. M.N.Jois, Congress leader, Mysore
3) Mr.H.Siddiah, Advocate, Shimoga
4) Mr.H.Ramakrishna Rao, Secretary, District Congress Committee, Shimoga and
5) Mr. Kalli Thimmanna Sastri of Dharwar.

The conduct of the meeting was previously announced in the Jatra, by the Nyamathi Taluk Congress Committee by distribution of hand bills, copy of which is herein enclosed.

17/2/39 Perusal CC

There were about 50 people at the commencement of the meeting and the number swelled up to about 200 at the close.

At 12-45 Mr.H.Siddiah, commenced his talk. At the outset he referred to the Ryots Conference held at Gama village, in Shikaripur Taluk and congratulated upon the unexpected response given by the ryots of the locality, and the enthusiasm and love of Congress activities they exhibited and at the same time felt disappointed at the small gathering at Rampur Jatra.

He introduced Messrs. 1) H.C.Dasappa, 2) M.N.Jois 3) Ramakrishna Rao 4) Kalli Thippanna Sastry and requested Mr. Ramakrishnarao to speak.

12-50 p.m. Mr. Ramakrishna Rao stated that the people gathered should thank Nyamathi Congress members for having arranged for this meeting, in which distinguished congress leaders noted above participated.

He then referred to the Congress Flag Satyagraha that went on in Mysore State since 1½ years - how the leaders protected the honour of the Flag inspite of arrests and how some of the leaders even went to jail on account of the "flag satyagraha" and that the "flag" (congress flag) always symbolised "ತ್ರಿವರ್ಣಧ್ವಜ", that the flag was very much loved by Mahatma Gandhi and after a terrible conflict even Government yielded to the flag question, thinking it useless to fight over the "flag question" in as much as it had gained full force and

strength in recent years. "[illegible]

He then continued saying that the main revenues being derived from out of the land revenue of ryots, it was the legitimate right of the ryots to question Government as to how the money is expended; that out of the income of 3¾ crores of rupees nearly 30 lakhs is derived from land revenue and the Natives Rulers expend the money in entertaining Britishers and the Britishers in turn cepped the native Rulers (Rajas) "[illegible]

That Congress is formed to enlighten and tell people to open their eyes and fight for their liberties; that Congress does not tell people to go in rebellion against Government but to listen to the advice of the Congress leaders in regard to the following matters and heartily and determinedly co-operate with them.

i) To use "Khadi" always: Most of the people assembled here do not know the principle underlying the use of Khadi. The use of khadi in villages, and the manufacture of thread by Charaka, by ryots in their leusre hours affords a useful avocation to them and ultimately gives food to the poor. and lot of amoun spent on mills and machinery would be saved and that Mahatma Gandhi incessantly advocated the use of khadi, and use of khadi was the last word of Gandhi and that there was no restriction put up by Government for the use of khadi and people need not be afraid.

ii) Membership to Congress: People should enslist themselves as members of Congress by paying 0-4-0 subscription - Even Government officers and officials are afraid of Congress members and do their work promptly "[illegible]

That people need not be afraid of being ~~sent~~ sent to Jail by becoming members of Congress and that Congress members were not "[illegible]

He continued stating that Government officers and officials we re not sincere workers and they mainly depended on their pay and that they worked for love of salary. "[illegible]

But Congress members and leaders worked sincerely and never wanted T.A. or batta unlike Government officers and officials who travel from one place to another for love of T.A. That Dany Maharaja

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Maharaja should win the love and confidence of people to manage on efficient system of administration of Government [illegible]

Continuging Mr. Ramakrishna Rao, stated that since the recent political agitation in Jaipur and Rajkot States, and the interference of Mahatma Gandhi, the native Rajas are feeling nervous about their position. Even the Britishers who boasted that "the sun never sets in the British Empire" are afraid of Gandhi and Gandhiji himself stated that the Rajas should win the love and support of the people whom he rules and that they cannot govern without the support of the people.

He next referred to the administration of Government as "[illegible]" and criticised that no facilities were given for education in rural parts and cattle feeding was neglected particularly during jatras.

He proceeded further and stated that ever since the time of Hyder the people co-operated the "Rajas" and got back the kingdom which had been lost at the time of Krishnaraj Wodeyar in 1799 and inspite of it the people had not the support of the Maharajas [illegible]. and that at that time Government officers did not care to support rajas but cared more for their pay. He referred to the happy administration of the State during the time of Dewan Rangacharlu, and Sir Visveswara Iya and stated that the administration had degenerated since 10 to 12 years [illegible].

He emphasized that under the present Dewanship since 10 to 12 years there has been increase of national debt (nearly 15 crores of rupees) and the total debt comes to about Rs.50/- crores and nearly 45 lakhs of rupees goes towards interest and the ryots are taxed for the payment of interest that when questioned as to the increase of debt they put forward the plea of land industrialisation and do not care for our present poverty stricken condition." [illegible].

Hen then referred to the State of affiars in Bombay presidency

under Congress administration and the facilities afforded to ryots by way of remission of kandayam and how the ministers institute immediate enquiries regarding the needs and grievances of ryots, unlike the condition in Mysore. That officers in Mysore State make no proper enquiries re: the condition of crops with the result the poor ryot is made to pay heavy land revenue, even though he gets no crop.

Mr. Ramakrishna Rao concluded by appealing to the people to become members of Congress, to carry on Congress propaganda in their villages, to teach the life and history of Congress leaders, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose and others, to the villagers and to co-operate with Congress workers and that with their co-operation the realisation of "Swarajya" would be earlier.

1-25 p.m. Mr. Kolli Thimmappa Pantulu addressed the gathering. He stated that though he was a man of Dharmapuri he was one with the people like brothers and that the same hardships and miseries which confronted his brethern in other parts of India confronted him also.

He referred to the strenuous efforts made by Mahatma Gandhi in the early days of the formation of the Congress movement, the difficulties he had to encounter, when the Britishers, and now Mahatma Gandhi boldly asserted in Hangpur Congress that he could no longer tolerate the oppressive rule of the British and started satyagraha. He referred to the British rulers as [illegible] who were very nice above but cunning and poisonous below [illegible]

The Britishers have oppressed all of us by forming laws to their convenience and we 35 crores of people are [illegible]

He next spoke about the importance of the Congress flag (ಧ್ವಜ) and stated that the flag indicated that there were "men" in Hindustan and the flag served only as a board. That since the Hangpur Congress there were many fights in respect of the flag question and that Government had now realised that the "flag" had gained importance

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and that a stop to any further ban on flag hoisting and Government had yielded.

Next he explained what "Swarajya" meant and stated that the Raja being the incarnation of God, should not oppress people but should win their love and sympathy "[illegible]
[illegible]
and "[illegible]. The Rajas must create facilities to people. People must have their rights.

Mr. Sastry concluded his speech at 1-55 p.m. by finally appealing to the people to wear khadi, 2) to become members of the Congress, by paying subscription of 0-4-0 and 3) always to vote for Congress leaders whenever required to vote 4) to wear khadi cap as khadi cap had at one time inspired terror in the minds of the Britishers and he assured success to the people, if they only waked on principles of [illegible].

1-55 p.m. Mr. M.N.Jois addressed the gathering. He stated that he came from Devalapura Jatra (from Mysore) with Mr. H.C.Dasappa and Mr. Sastry then explained that the condition of the ryots in Mysore was deplorable, having no food, no sufficient clothes, and that this poverty stricken condition of the ryots classes, attracted the attention of Mahatma Gandhi, who sought a remedy for the state of affairs in the formation of the Congress movement and urging the people to fight for their liberties and responsible Government.
He referred to the principles of Congress [illegible] and [illegible] and appealed to the people to become members of the Congress and co-operate with Congress workers . That Mahatma Gandhi was the "Avathar" of God and if people failed to co-opeate with Congress workers they were answerable before God and that by co-operating with the Congress, they would be pleasing God and that their life would be purified [illegible].

He condluded his speech by requesting the people to become Congress members 2) to use khadi and 3) to actively and determinedly co-operate with Congress workers.

2-5 p.m. Mr. H.C.Dasappa then spoke At the outset he thanked the audience for their patient hearing all the while and drew their attention to the wasteful expenditure in Mysore during the recent Viceregal visit (about 6 lakhs of Rupees for 3 days) [illegible]

beautification of cities and electric lights over Chamundi hill. while there was no hospital nearby - in Sasivehalli village and no bridge to the river near Rampur Jatra. He referred to the high scales of pay of officers commencing from Rs.250/- and raising up to Rs.5000/- and the hugh buildings in cities and particularly referred to the extensive Ry. Office building in Mysore city involving and/ expenditure of Rs.10/- lakhs and impressed the popple that even little facilties to them in villages are denied on plea of want of money. He then explained what responsible Government was; that people must have power to expend the money they give by way of handayam and that there must be a minister elected by the people to manage their finance. The Government must be peoples' Government under the Maharaja. That people must think that officers and officials are paid servants of the people, and that the people should unite and urge for responsible Government, that they should become members of the Congress and carry on congress propaganda in villages, that they should wear khadi and co-operate with the Congress workers in their fight for responsible Government and that they should think that they are the sons of Bharat Mata and should try to rescue her from the bondage "ಶಂಕಲೆ" and prove to be her worthy sons. He concluded his speech at 2-20 p.m.

Mr. H.Siddiah then addressed the gathering. He commenced stating "[illegible]
During the regime of Dewan Sir M.Visweswara Iya a scheme was put in force sanctioning wells to every village setting apart annual grants and that this scheme was abolished 11 years ago by the present Dewan " [illegible]
and that since the Congress agitation in the States this scheme of wells is again revived at present by Government.

He next referred to another "[illegible]" by Government in having abolished 3000 schools in villages and that there were 9600 schools in the time of Dewan Sir M.Visweswara Iye and that this was the greatest injustice done to the people. " [illegible]

He next referred to the Taluk Conference farces where officers make a show of making enquiries into the needs of the ryots, and how the Government have neglected to give proper facilties to the ryots by way of education, by increasing the no. of schools; by way of agriculture, by repairing tanks and giving water facilities and stated that nearly 16000 tanks remained unrepaired out of 23000 tanks but still full wet assessment was being recovered from ryots. He explained that the Congress workers would only point out such needs of ryots and fight out for their facilities and hence people should co-operate with Congress.

He contined saying that most of the revenues derived from payment of kandayam is being spent mostly for the beautification roads in cities of Mysore, Bangalore and K.G.F. and how the rural parts were neglected and that people of villages had not good roads, no light and no water facilties and so on.

He emphasized that the ryots had not the privilege to protect their cattle from tiger menace and that people could not shoot tigers freely - and according to figures nearly 10000 cattle had died on account of wild animals and nearly 6000 in Shimoga District alone and yet people had no protection from wild animals. That the wild animals are reserved as "Games" for shikar by European officers and the shikar of wild animals provides them mirth and recreation at the sacrifice of so many cattle - which form the very life of the ryot.

Thatwhen officers are approached in the matter, they sit comfortably in their rooms and send away with nice replies [illegible] never caring for the convenience of the ryots.

He finally exhorted the people to come forward boldly and express their grievances and never to be afraid of Government officers and officials and concluded his speech by appealing to the people 1) to become members of the Congress 2) to use khadi and to vote for the deserving person.

Mr.Masti of Nyamathi offered vote of thanks and the meeting terminated at about 2-50 p.m.

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Messrs. H.Siddiah and others noted above left Rampur Jatra for Shimoga by car at 6 p.m.

Sd/- P.S.Venkataramiah,
Jafiedar No:5,Shimoga Town.

Dated 13-2-39.

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District Police Office,Shimoga,
Dated 14-2-39.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Inspector-General of Police In Mysore, Bangalore and the Deputy Commissioner Shimoga District for favour of information.

Superintendent of Police,
Shimoga District.
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20th Feb. 1939.

Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

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DEPUTY-COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
TUMKUR.

Mr. E. V. GANAPATI IYER
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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Dated 20th February 1939.

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
FEB 22 1939
No. 6652

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith for the information of Government copies of reports of Congress Meetings held on 26-1-1939, 31-1-1939, 2-2-1939, 5-2-1939, and 10-2-1939 as received from the District Superintendent of Police and state that there are no special points calling for action.

Yours sincerely,
E V Ganapati

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesava Iyengar, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Submitted

On 10-2-39 a congress meeting was held in the premises of Town Co-operative Society, Tumkur, under the auspices of Tumkur town Congress Committee. Mr. T. Subramanya introduced Mr. R.R. Devakar, to speak.

Mr. R.R. Devakar addressed the audience next as follows: - He said that his subject before him that day was 'The present political situation'. The present, he said, was a great period in the history of India, and added that it was very opportune for India to agitate for the establishment of responsible government. The days of autocracy were no more. The movement for satyagraha started in India when men, women and children, young and old, all joined together in the movement. Mysore people, he said, were also participants in the days of satyagraha started by congress a few years ago he referred to the 8 congress provinces where ministers advise the Governors and interfere in the administration. Federation, he said, was about to be imposed on Indians by the Viceroy. He said that the ~~downfall~~ rule of Britishers and their policy ~~was~~ is coming to an end. "ಸ್ವರಾಜ್ಯ ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ನಮಗೆ ಒಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಒಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ."

If Indians ask for self-rule, the Britishers say that Indians are very divided and could not rule themselves, which fact should be understood by one and all. The Britishers are foreigners who employ the policy of 'divide and rule' and created 600 states thereby preventing the unity among the people. The rulers are of themselves dependent and as such they cannot comply with the wish of their people for self-rule. The ruler of Rajkot, for instance, had to break his promise to the people, on the interference by the Resident of Rajkot State. The rulers are simply idols in the hands of the British Government. He referred to the 70-year old wife of Gandhi who was exerting herself for the liberation of the Rajkot people and remarked that it was up to the younger generation to sacrifice themselves in the cause of freedom. The ministers, he said, should be elected from among the people. Referring to the charge by the government under different sections of the I.P.C. on the people for sedition, he said that it may be necessary for the people to prepare a separate Code entitled ' ರಾಜ್ಯದ್ರೋಹ '. He exhorted the people to think

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Proceedings of the Meeting held in the quadrangle of Vokkaligara Hostel, Tumkur, arranged under the auspices of Tumkur Students' Federation, on 5-2-1939, Sadasiviah, a student of Tumkur High School, presiding.

Handbills distributed on the occasion are herewith enclosed for kind perusal.

The function commenced late at 5 P.M. consequent to the late arrival by bus of Mr. T. Subramanya, the chief speaker of the evening.

The gathering was about 150 strong consisting entirely of students mostly from High School.

Chandrasekhariah, student, V B., Tumkur High School, sang 'Vande Mataram'

Being introduced by the Secretary, K.S. Radhakrishnan, Mr. T. Subramanya, Advocate, Tumkur addressed the gathering thus :

At the outset the lecturer criticized the necessity of a watch by the Police at meetings of the type arranged by students Federation, in view of many more important things that Police had got to bestow their attention upon and characterised the anxiety of the Police in having attended that meeting and thereby the anxiety of the Government, to the action of a 'dying man' catching 'a straw' and thereafter concluded that 'Government' had not many years to live. To quote in Kanarese the words in verbatim -

" ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು - ಕೈಲಾದ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ - ಇದರಿಂದ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಲಾಭವು ಇದೆ ಎಂದು - ತಿಳಿಯಬೇಕು ".

He believed that the Police attended the function, probably to honour him by ~~his~~ their (police) presence.

The lecturer said he was in a hurry to attend a meeting of the Taluk Conference and that he would therefore be brief in his speech.

The lecturer continued that he was very glad to see that students at Tumkur had formed themselves into an association. He dwelt firstly upon the paramount importance

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of physical exercise for students and requested them all to try to become 'men' and 'athletes'.

Nextly the lecturer emphasized the necessity and importance of taking nutritious food like Ragi, wheat, as far as the means would permit, in place of non-nutritious food like milled rice.

He appealed to the students to preserve at all costs 'Brahmacharya' and to be true 'Brahmacharis' without falling into vices.

The lecturer then referred to the natural inclination and tendency of students to break loose from restrictions imposed on them and take pleasure thereby in doing so, and cauthioned them not to resort to 'Strikes' on any trivial issues without joint deliberation and purpose, unless their liberty and freedom of the country was in danger. He added that India cannot get independence without Mysore getting the same.

The lecturer then observed that the Rulers in the States only helped to establish British Rule in India and did not help the masses. He added that Mysore may open many a factory and inaugurate large industries, but the Government were not prepared to allow the people to run the government themselves, for fear of British opposition. He attributed the necessity of spending 10 lakhs over the Viceregal visit to this fear of Britishers, though, he remarked, at the expense of starving masses.

Next he invited the attention of the students to the freedom struggle and their part in the movement.

In the course of his lecture he referred to the Stenographer taking notes of his speech and said that it was his desire to convey his ideas to the Government through the stenographer.

At this stage he hinted that in case the Government were not prepared to accede to the demands of congress, the Congress would shortly, within 3-4 months, launch such a fierce movement as not to allow the Government a

wink of sleep and a minute of rest.

The lecturer then observed that Mysore Government or rather the Dewan of Mysore was responsible for the loss of glory to Mysore called a model State, which is now won by the State of Oundh.

It was a point of consideration, the lecturer remarked, whether High School students, still young and not given to much discretion, could associate in Strikes organised by College adult students. He said that they cannot remain as 'Nero' who was fiddling when 'Rome was burning', when a freedom struggle was going ahead. Much as he knew that the main purpose of a student was to amass education, he said that he differed in the matter even with respect to the views of great leaders like Jawahar, in as much as he did not believe in the efficacy and utility of modern education, laying little stress, he added, on encouraging, in his opinion, the element of 'truth'. He observed that it was the duty of the students to extend their sympathy at least to congress, though not they actually participated in the struggle.

The lecturer then laid stress on the wearing of khadi, whereby they would be made to sink the communal and sectional differences. Whether a Hindu or a Muslim, he said, Khadi was necessary to be worn, if success in the freedom struggle was desired by them. He added that communal differences existed more in cities than in villages. Particularly he requested to students to sink difference between Brahmins and Non-brahmins. Poverty was a common factor alike to Muslims and Hindus. It was his desire to see that life was as easy for them as breathing. To this end, he said, they must prepare jointly to fight the clever lot of Britishers, marching ahead as one, sinking communal and sectional differences. He added that India was anxiously watching the young generation of students. Their movements would be watched both by the Government and the Congress also. It

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was therefore necessary for them to march in a right way armed with discipline.

K.S. Radhakrishnan, Secretary, Tumkur district Students' Federation, next spoke on the various activities of the Federation so far, after its inauguration two months before/on the 26th December 1938 and the constitution of the Working Committee(19 members chosen from all standards in the school). He announced that students desirous of standing for election from different standards may notify to him their desire to do so, within the approaching Thursday. He appealed to the students to extend their co-operation by enrolling as members to the Federation.

Narayana Rao, a student of High School, next read the objects of the Federation including in its programme, rural re-construction work, literary activities, welfare of student folk, town and village survey. He added that the Tumkur Dist. Students' Federation was affiliated to the Mysore State Students' Federation and that subscription for membership was only 2 annas a year.

The Student-President, Sadasivian, next spoke briefly that the present students would be the future citizens of the country and that therefore heavy responsibility rested on their shoulders. He compared the system of education in the West with that of the east and opined that there were more facilities for education in the West. He desired the students to bring into action the advice given by the lecturer and appealed for co-operation and sympathy for the Federation.

After thanksgiving by the Secretary, the meeting terminated at 6-15 P.M. National anthem was sung and the meeting dispersed.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar of Tumkur was also present.

Sd. C.D. Adimoolam,
Sub Inspector, Tumkur Town.

Sd. Y. Krishnamurti Rao,
STENOGRAPHER, D.P.O., Tumkur.

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Dist. Supdt. of Police, Tumkur Dt.

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Koratagere taluk,
Camp : Kyamenahally Jatra.
31-1-39.

Beg to report that the congress meeting was held in the Kyamenahally jatra area behind Sree Anjaneyaswami temple this day. Gandhiji's photo and a national flag were placed amidst the audience. Siddalingiah of ~~Havinakere~~ Manvinkurke presided over the day's function. The total gathering was about 200 including about 50 boys. The meeting was commenced at 7-40 p.m. after the national song, Vande Mataram' and lectures were delivered as follows.

Rangiah of Koratagere - The toddy drinking must be prohibited. Every one must use charaka in their houses and try to eke out their livelihood and try to save the money by going outside the country.

Siddaramanna of Manvinkurke - The congress is a crowd of people which is trying to liberate the people from the present worries and difficulties. The ryots are paying high revenue and are in the dyin stage. The prominent congress leaders are trying for independence and are proclaining the idea of congress. The hot blood is flowing in all the Indian people. Everywhere the congress leaders are prevailing; many viceroys came to India to curb down the congress but could not. Satya, Ahimsa and Shanti have to be established. For the last 51 years congress id doing its best and is going on with its activity. Even a ragi ball worth 6 pies is not available for a poor ryot as he cannot earn the same. Many orders were passed by the Government and many repressions were undertaken but congress could not be put down. It is sure that we get a responsible government. The Reforms Committee could do no good to anybody. If no signs of responsible government is shown we will try to observe Satryagraha. Hence I request you all to co-operate and try to get responsible government etc.

Basavaradhya of Akkirampur - Every one must try to put an end to the toddy drinking. Gandhiji himself is requesting to leave off drinking and has fasted for a period of 21 days. By toddy, money is being wasted. The strength of the nerves will be decreased. No prolonged life. No remembrance. There are about 65 lakhs of people; what they pay for drinking will be about 16½ cart loads

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of money. The lecturer quoted an instance - "A drunkard who earned a cooly of 3 annas went to drink toddy; he drank and became senseless and broke his head. While he was lying senseless a dog came to him and passed urine in his mouth and the drunkard said ' [illegible] ' etc. Hence this bad habit must be prohibited.

Children are not given proper education. There is no money for a pair of bullocks to cultiv te the lands and to earn their livelihood. No proper clothes to wear; no proper food in the present condition. " [illegible] ' [illegible] ". must be adhered to etc. and requested the gathering to leave off drinking once for all.

Mr. Doddiah of Dagganahalli - In the world [illegible] are prevailing. God alone must put an end to this. Satya, Shanti and Animsa are the three features for the uplift of the congress. The congress is standing in Mahatmaji's [illegible]
A committee sat at Viduraswatha. Three judges were appointed; 50,000 Rs. was spent. This amount would have been well adjusted to the digging of many wells for the use of the public. Many schools could have been arranged for the use of children's education.

Rajasekhariah of Koratagere - The congress is not taking its active part at present; you may question as to why it is so. He quoted an instance between two persons quarrelling. Some one person comes forward and pacifies them; so also Vallabhai Patel came forward and suggested that he would select some panchayetdars (members) and would settle the same etc. So it was stopped for some time. Europeans came to this country at the beginning for trade with a balance and are now the rulers. We are now to request the responsible government under the kind patronage of H.H. the Maharaja

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of Mysore; members must be selected and the grievances must be put forward and they must be redressed through them. No police or revenue Commissioner will be removed. Only the misbehaviour will be put an end to. No one has got money among those who visit Kyamenahally jatra. We ~~xxx~~ were sent to jail last year ~~after~~ 3 months after ~~of~~ Kyamenahally jatra. We are ready even now to go to jail. The total income of Rs.28,000 at this jatra was being spent for the last so many years. This year half the amount out of the income will be used by the present amildar for the constuction of buildings for the use of the public. Dewan receives a a pay of Rs.5000; if Rs.1000 is taken as pay and Rs.4000 is saved, the amount would have been made good use of. In 2 to 3 years to come H.H. the Maharaja will surely get us Swarajya and then there would be safety to the country. Poor and the rich must be all alike. Every one must be in the same grade. If all were to co-operate it is true that within 2 years to come we will get Swarajya. Grow cotton and not go for the foreign clothes. There is a strong power which accompanies Mahatmaji.

Mr. Siddalingappa - the president of the day's function - thanked the gathering for having attended the meeting and stated that Europeans are ruling at a distance of about 8000 miles and are ruling the nation. They came for trade at the beginning and are now the rulers. High tax is being levied. We must co-operate and get our wants. Drinking must be prohibited. Spinning must be practised. "ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಕೃಷಿ, ಆಹಿಂಸೆ"
must be practised and therey achieve responsible government. Mutual understanding must prevail among public and especially villagers and money must not be wasted on foreign goods. We have no sufficient help, no ammunition. 80 crores is being spent for foreign goods. We must try to get all the wants in our country alone and must leave off drinking; spinning must be practised. One must be formed and try to get the authority in our hands and thereby achieve responsible govt.

The meeting came to a close at 8-40 p.m. with cheers of

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A congress meeting was held in the Kallambella Drama Theatre ~~and~~ at Thavareker this day between 5-30 P.M. and 7-30 P.M., Mr.Tharegowda presiding. Principal members were Messrs. Tharegowda, Mali Marianna, Angadi Karibasaviah of Sira and Mukkannappa. There was a gathering of about 200 people.

The meeting began with the 'Rashtra Geetha" sung by one Sanna Lingappa of Thavarekere and the song ' [illegible] ' sung by Angadi Karibasaviah.

Mr. Angadi Karibasaviah said the English came first to India to trade and then began to rule. We want responsible government and to get it we must all co-operate and work.

Mr. Mukkannappa - "The Britishers have deprived us of our independence. There are congress governments in 8 places in India. We should also get it. Drinking toddy should be given up. All should take to khadi wearing. Toddy contract should be discontinued in future.

Mr. Henjerappa - The present government is subordinate to British Government. It is run by 3 members not selected by the people. They are therefore not helpful to the advancement of the poor and uneducated. There must be ministers selected by the people. All should become members and work together.

Mali Marianna - Drinking should be given up. Khadi should be worn. Pay of the government servants should be reduced. 'Hullubanni' should be removed and the rate of land revenue should be decreased. To get all these facilities the congress should become strong. All should therefore become members.

Mr. Tharegowda - After the viceregal visit to Mysore [illegible] order under section 144 Cr.P.C. has been promulgated in Mysore. This may aggravate congress activities. It is therefore necessary that the congress should have the strength of as many members as possible. All should join congress by paying 4 as. each.

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Dist. Superintendent of Police, Tumkur.Dist.

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S.B No 5530

Report of the Police Inspector, Sira dated the 27th January 1939.

A congress meeting was held in the Maidan adjoining Puttamma's choultry at Sira on 26-1-39 between 5-30 P.M. and 7-30 P.M. in connection with the observance of 'Independenee Day', Mr. K.P. Channabasaviah presiding. Before this there was a procession of congress flag from the Co-operative Society to the Hospital Square and back to Puttamma's choultry

The following members spoke before an audience of about 100 people as noted below.

Mr. K.P Channabasaviah - Congress is a vody organised to regain independence we had once enjoyed and lost and that we should get it by peaceful means.

Mr. A Gundu Rao - Thee is no prohibitory orders passed this year Our object is to get responsible government, if get it, freedom of speech, freedom of press, relief to the agriculturists' will be the main advantages under the responsible government. People in Congress Governments are enjoying them. There should be no difference between the Hindus and the Muslims All should become congress members.

Mr. Mukkannappa - We should get independence at any cost. Drinking toddy should be given up. All should wear khaddar The patels and shanbogues should see to the welfare of the ryots vithout fearing the authorities. When there was a prohibition campaign working some days ago, people were going out to the villages for drinking toddy. They were not right in doing so The Government are encouraging → toddy drinking to fill their treasuries. We should snatch self-govt from the Britishers. He exhorted toddy contractors to give up bidding in future.

The meeting came to a close when Mr. A Gundu Rao requested the audience to take up 'Independence Pledge'.

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Superintendent of Police
Tumkur Dist.

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MYSORE,

Dated 20th Feb. 1939.

MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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No. 6691

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Dear Sir,

I forward herewith the marginally* noted reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for the information of Government.

* (1) S.B. Report No.142/38-39 re: the Sixth Day Satyagraha in front of the Hamilton -- Building. (2) S.B. Report No.142/38-39 re: proceedings of the meeting - held at Subbarayankere Maidan on 19-2-1939. (3) Report on the Progress in the Case (No. C.M.C.17/38-39 -- Government Vs. Mr.Tagadur - Ramachandra Rao) under Section 107 Cr.P.C.	Copies of the same have also - been forwarded to the - Private Secretary to the -- Dewan to his Camp - Chikmagalur.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
21 FEB. 1939
No. 7721

For perusal.

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Yours sincerely,

M. G. Mehkri
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RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
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SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - VIth Day - 20-2-1939.

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At 8 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya - Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with F.E.Ramiah Naidu (aged about 25 years S/O Arasappa Naidu, Barber by profession, Kamatageri, Mysore), M.S.Subbe Gowda (aged about 22 years, S/O Singrappa, Vokkaligar, Workman in Sandal-wood, Chamarajendra Techni--cal Institute, Mysore) and Krishna (S/O Siddiah, aged about 20 years Vokkaligar, Mason, Doddavokkaligeri,Mysore) and also some others. F.E Ramiah and M.S.Subbe Gowda carried on their shoulders a long pole (two bamboos had been tied with rope to make up the length). To the one end of the bamboo a brush had been tied. In addition to this, F.E.Ramiah had a pot containing chunam and a brush. Krishna carried the Congress Flag. M.Shama Rao carried a golaka on which it was written "Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee".

At the Subbarayanakere Maidan the pole was rested on the ground and a placard written on it in ink " [illegible] " in kannada on one side and " Down with Hamilton" in English on the other side was tied by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao to the top portion of the pole.

At 8-5 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya addressed the crowd number--ing about 100 thus :-

" To-day is the VIth Day of our Sathyagraha. The Sathyagrahis of this day are F.E.Ramiah Naidu and M.S.Subbe Gowda. They are the residents of this City. They offer Sathyagraha in the same manner as that of the Sathyagrahis of yesterday. If the Police try to snatch away the pole from the hands of the Sathyagrahis, the Sathyagrahis should not surrender the pole to them. If by means of physical force other-wise called brutal force, the police were to take it, there is no other go except to surrender it. At the same time, the Police must understand that we possess soul power. We will achieve our object by means of this power. I will now garland the Sathyagrahi

So saying he garlanded both the Sathyagrahis.

The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis.

The Procession started at 8-10 A.M. followed by about 100 persons. The pole was carried jointly on their shoulders by F.E. Ramiah Naidu and M.S.Subbe Gowda (Sathyagrahis of this day). F.E. Ramiah Naidu was in front holding the pot containing chunam and the brush. Krishna carried the Congress Flag.

The procession passed through Narayana Sastry road, Rama Vilas Agrahar, Santhepet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet, and arrived near the Central Police Station Square at 8-35 A.M. On the way they shouted cries of several jais and "Down with Hamilton".

On the vacant sites and on the foot-paths in front of the Central Police Station about 1000 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived followed by about 100 persons. Prominent among them were :-

1. Bhadriah, Editor, "Grama Seva", Mysore.
2. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter, and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
3. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener, Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore.
4. A.Ramanna, Unemployed and Congress worker, Mysore.
5. A.Shivanna, Plantain seller, Devaraj Market, Mysore.
6. M.N.Jois, Congress worker, Mysore.
7. M.N.Venkatappa, Sathyagrahi on 16-2-39.
8. H.Hanumanthiah, -do-
9. Narayana Samy, Unemployed, Congress-worker, Sathi Village, Saligrama Range.
10. P.V.Krishniah Naidu, Sathyagrahi on 19-2-39.
11. M.B.Chandrashekariah, -do-
12. Shambhulingiah, Member of the Mass Awakener's Union.
13. T.S.Subbanna, Secretary of the -do-
14. Magal Gopal Rao, Member, -do-
15. T.Narayana Gowda,
16. A.V.Chikkarudrappa } Sathyagrahis on 17-2-39.
17. U.Kenchiah,
18. S.S.Chakravarthy } Sathyagrahis on 18-2-39.
19. Javare Gowda of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk.
20. Ramakrishniah, Tailor, D.Subbiah Road, Mysore.
21. Ramanathan, Ex-P.C., Mysore City.
22. K.V.Veerappa of Malavalli and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
23. Agaram Rangiah, Editor, "Sadhvi" Mysore.
24. M.Shama Rao, Sathyagrahi on 15-2-39.
25. G.Janardhana Naidu, Cloth merchant, Mysore.
26. M.Shankariah, Pleader, Mysore.

Adequate Police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station. Just before the Sathyagrahis arrived at the Central Police Station Square, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd thus :-

" You must all maintain strict discipline this day. All of

of you came to the road yesterday immediately I informed you that blood has come out of the bodies of the Sathyagrahis and you grew wild also to a certain extent. If you behave in that manner our Sathyagraha will not end in success. Therefore my earnest appeal to all of you is that you should remain on the foot-path itself. No one should speak anything".

At 8-40 A.M., when the two Sathyagrahis carrying the pole with the chunam pot came near the lamp post at the centre of the Central Police Station Square, they were asked by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao to stop for a while and they stopped there. Then A.N. Suryanaraya--na Rao again requested the crowd not to come to the road and be - peaceful.

Then the two Sathyagrahis accompanied by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and Krishna (holding the Congress Flag) came near the Central Police Station and stood there. Krishna having given away the Congress Flag to the hands of B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya took the pot containing chunam from F.E.Ramiah Naidu who was holding it and gave it to M.S.Subbe Gowda. M.S.Subbe Gowda who was carrying the one end of the pole containing the brush soaked the same in chunam and gave back the pot to Krishna who in turn gave to F.E.Ramiah Naidu and took back the Flag from B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and held it. Then the two Sathyagrahis lifted up the pole and said that they are going to white wash against the name "Hamilton Building". The pole was taken away from the hands of the Sathyagrahis by the Police though they offered resistence. Krishna who was carrying the Flag also joined the Sathyagrahis in offering resistence. During the scuffle, the pot which F.E.Ramiah Naidu was carrying fell down from his hand & broke to pieces. Then the two Sathyagrahis and Krishna holding the Congress Flag squatted on the foot-path by the side of the Station just in front. By this time the crowd who were standing at a distance on the vacant sites marched towards the Central Police Station. There were shouts decrying the Police. Pieces of broken pot and small stones were hurled at the Central Police Station Building. They fell on the Police too.

Though A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, K.V.Veerappa and B.Subbaraya

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the crowd to leave the road and keep back, They did not move about for about 15 minutes and were persistent in stopping on the road using foul langauge (ಕೆಟ್ಟಮಾತು).

The crowd then receded.

The brush, pot pieces, and the stones thrown on the building by the crowd were collected and taken possession of by the Police.

At 9 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd thus :- " You must yourself act as policemen and keep back. The names of the Sathyagrahis of this day are F.E.Ramiah Naidu and M.S.Subbe Gowda. They are the residents of this City. Now all of you should try to come near the court where Tagadur Ramachandra Rao is expected to come in connection with the case launched against him by the police".

Mr. M.N.Jois came to the Sathyagrahis and congratulated them. Inspector Mr. N.S.Subbanna told him about the part played by Krishna, who was carrying the flag and the resistence offered by him while taking away the pole from the Sathyagrahis and also about the mischievous acts committed prompted by Shambhulingiah and Javare Gowda. M.N.Jois said that Shambhulingiah, T.S.Subbanna and others who are members of the Mass Awakener's Union wanted admission to the Sathyagraha Committee and their request was not complied with on the ground that they might resort to violence; that they were told that if they still wanted to offer Sathyagraha they might do do independently and that he would suspend the present Sathyagraha and announce this publicly in an open meeting, and that as they were not permitted to take part in this Sathyagraha they have been doing these mischievous acts. He further said that he would once again go to them and warn them of this.

By 9-30 A.M., the crowd decreased to about 300 persons.

At 9-40 A.M., the two Sathyagrahis who were sitting on the foot-path suddenly got up and sat nearer the steps of the Central Police Station.

About 100 boys came and stood on the road in front of the Central Police Station Square and continued to abuse the Police

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police shouting " Down with Hamilton".

At 9-45 A.M., Patnam Srinivasa Setty, Chandrasekhariah and P.V.Krishnaah Naidu came and enquired the two Sathyagrahis whether they required any tiffin. They declined.

At 10 A.M., A.Ramanna came and took the Congress Flag which F.E.Ramiah Naidu was holding. He went with the flag to the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station and addressing the crowd numbering about 200 said thus :-

"The present struggle between the Government and the people can be compared with the great war of Mahabharata. The Hamilton Building is the Kurukshetra. We are the Pandavas and the Government are Kowravas. The present struggle has arisen on account of - naming the building built by Public money in the name of one who is a foreigner, who at the time of Vidurashwatha disturbances, proclaimed that he would kill 50 persons, who during the Dasara Disturbances was enjoying at the Cosmopolitan Hotel and also on account of the refusal of the Government on the request of the Sathyagrahis and the Committee to remove that name from the pro-eminent place it occupies on the building. As the Pandavas were victorious helped by Krishna, we are sure that with the blessings of such celebrated men as Gandhiji, Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose that in the end our struggle will be crowned with success. There is no doubt about our hope. You all know the great loyalty to the country which is moving Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. The foundation which he has laid in this campaign against the name of Hamilton and the Sathyagraha which has been launched for the furtherance of this cause will enhance the glory and prestige of our country and bring us Swaraj. The Government being intolerant of the great service rendered to the country without the prejudice of any caste or community by Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao have arrested him. His trial is to be held to-day. I appeal to you that you will all in a body go to the court to-dayat 11 A.M., to show your sympathy, love and reverence to Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and encourage him in the great task he has undertaken. I hope you will all do accordingly. With this request, I close my speech".

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Several jais were cried out and he ended his speech at 10-10 A.M. Having given back the flag to the Sathayagrahis he left for the court followed by several persons.

At 10-15 A.M., about 50 boys came and were moving about here and there. Some boy threw lighted crackers shouting "Down with Hamilton".

At 10-25 A.M., P.V.Krishniah Naidu came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

At 10-45 A.M., T.Rajam Setty came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away. Seeing the mischievous activities of the boys he advised them to behave better.

M.B.Chandrasekhariah came and having given the book "Kathegara" to the Sathyagrahis went away

At 10-50 A.M., some boy threw a ball of mud towards the building and it fell into the Ist Floor of the building.

At 11-15 A.M., Rangiah resident of Kumbargeri came and gave some fruits to the Sathyagrahis.

At 11-25 A.M., M.S.Srikantiah came and having given oranges and aerated water to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11-40 A.M., he brought tiffin to the Sathyagrahis.

At 12 noon the crowd decreased to about 20 persons.

At 12-35 P.M., T.Rajam Setty, K.V.Veerappa, S.S.Chakravarthy and U.Kenchiah came and having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

At 1-15 P.M., Shivanna S/O Sangappa residing in Mandy Mohalla came and having given some grapes to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 2-45 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao and Javare Gowda came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 3 P.M., Javare Gowda who is boasting that he is a Congress C.I.D.man came and noted down the metal numbers of the Daffedars and men who were standing near the steps leading to the verandah

verandah of the Police Station.

At 3-10 P.M., M.Shama Rao and A.V.Chikkarudrappa came and went away after taking some grapes and oranges from the Sathyagrahis

From 3-20 P.M. to 4-30 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, T.Narayana Gowda, ~~A.V.Chikkarudrappa~~, and S.S.Chakravarthy of Saligrama delivered short speeches standing on the vacant site opposite to the Station. Copies of their speeches taken down by Stenographer Mr. M.V.Srini--vasachar is herewith enclosed.

At 4-50 P.M., some boys came from Government House road and passed through the Central Police Station Square towards Dodpet. On a bamboo carried by two boys, a boy was sitting with a basin on his head (representing hat). The Police dispersed them. Then a cloth ball soaked in chunam dropped by one of the boys on the road was picked up by a Police Constable.

At 4-5 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and shouted jais and "Down with Hamilton".

Several boys were moving here and there shouting jais.

By 5 O' Clock there was a crowd of about 800 persons and it was increasing.

At 5-5 P.M., K.V.Veerappa of Halavalli came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 5-40 P.M., about 50 boys went round the Central Police Station carrying a Congress Flag and a photo of Mahatma Gandhi tied to a bamboo. They shouted several jais and "Down with Hamilton".

At 5-45 P.M., the two Sathyagrahis got up and tried to get up the steps and go to the verandah of the Central Police Station. The Police did not give room for it. Then they again squatted at their places.

By 6 P.M., the crowd increased to over a thousand.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao shouted jais and "Down with Hamilton".

The two Sathyagrahis got up and proceeded to the Subbarayana--kere maidan followed by a large number of persons. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the crowd to go to Subbarayanakere maidan to attend the meeting.

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While they were going, some one in the crowd having pelted small stones at the police, a tailor by name Govinda Rao who was in the crowd came forward and questioned B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya about such violent act and if it could be called peaceful Sathyagraha. Further he said thus " నాంచ్యుఎదంగి నింతేంతేంవ్యుమిగే కొంగంత్రి" (if you persist in such methods we will pay you in the same coin). Then B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the crowd not to behave so.

By 6-20 P.M., all went away.

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Mysore
Dated 20-2-39

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A-Rangaswami Iyengar
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Speeches delivered by Messrs. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, T.Narayana Gowda, Badigere, Devanahalli Taluk, and S.S. Chakravarthy, Congress Worker, Saligrama in connection with the Hamilton Buil Sathyagraha in the vacant site to the front of the Central Police Station, Mys on 20-2-39 at 3-30 P.M. About 100 persons attended the meeting, most of them being young boys.

Mr. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, spoke thus.-

I request all of you to wear Khadi. Both Brahmins and Lingayats wear a ceremonial thread that is hand spun. Mahatma Gandhi also advocates the wearing of Khadi only. Now I will explain to you the meaning of Dasara. All the Deputy Commissioners of the 8 Districts will come to this place and they will go to the Palace. That might be your meaning. At the present time the Dasara has become a mechanical one. The Dasara was started with the idea of knowing the real difficulties of the people through the respective Deputy Commisioners. Now the Deputy Commissioners come to Mysore at the time of Dasara and spend their time in luxurious manner, while the poor villagers have no sufficient food or clothing. Many people in the villages are depending upon roots for their livelihood. Some of them eat some leaves only. The revenue is collected from such people. And from that money this Hamilton Building is built. Many of the Deputy Commisioners do not know the meaning of the Dasara. Now I will tell you the real significance of the Dasara. During Dasara every Deputy Commissioner must come to the Palace and inform him about the difficulties of the people of his district. The Dewan must sit by his side and note down all the information. If there is any profit to the Government during the current year, then the Government may give that money or a part of the money to some Deputy Commissioner who must use it for the uplift of the villages. In the Banni Mantap the Maharaja must examine the Military. After all these allotments, if anything is left, then some public buildings such as Hamilton Building can be built. It is the duty of the Congress people to see that nobody is wounded by their words. They must not abuse any officer or even the Police. Even lanes in Lakshmipuram have been better looked after than the highroads in the Muslim locality. The affairs in the City Market are not very good. When Mr. Muhamed Sait was in the Municipality, he worked hard for the betterment of the poor muslim brethren and the market. Now under Mr. Srinivasan's Presidentship, the administration of the Municipality is not good. Some people think that the Congress people oppose everything, and some other people

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think that every effort in the Municipal Council is opposed by the Congress members since they think that they belong to an opposite group. In the courts we do not get justice at all. Where there are a number of witnesses, there the case may prove successful. It is high time for us to ~~forget~~ continue our communal feelings. The Congress is working for the welfare of the people. You must join the Congress and help it in its fight to achieve Responsible Government. I must say one word regarding the case of Dr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. His case has been adjourned to to-morrow. I do not like to speak anything at present regarding the case, since it is being enquired in the Court. To-day morning and yesterday morning, the crowd did not behave well. They did not heed the words of the leaders. I request you to listen to the words of the leaders and to be non-violent. It is not right on our part to rush upon the Police who may not be more than a hundred. The Sathyagraha is being observed in the hot sun. It is a very pitiful sight to see the Sathyagrahies sitting in the hot sun. The hearts of the people will melt. This Sathyagraha is being observed to remove the name " Hamilton Building". His name must not remain beneath the Flag of His Highness. If this Sathyagraha is observed for a number of days, the heart of the Maharaja may melt and he may order for the removal of the name. Even if the Police hit you, you must be patient and calm; if you want, you may complain and the Police Inspector will enquire into it. I request all of you to be peaceful in the following days of Sathyagraha.

(The speech closed at 3-50 P.M.) Again at 4-15 P.M. Mr.T.Narayana Gowda, Budigere, Devanhalli Taluk, spoke thus.-

The Present Government is run by 3 people. This building was named as Central Police Station before. Afterwards, some officer went by that road, and passed orders to the effect that it should be named as "Hamilton Building" The Officer was the Dewan himself. First the name "Hamilton Building" was put in big letters. Again the name "Central Police Station" was put in big Capital letters and the name "Hamilton Building" was put in comparatively small letters. This work id not done by the police and they are not responsible for it. But sometimes the Police do not act in a good manner. To-day morning, it seems that one Police Officer ordered the Reserve Police to be ready. He said that with a view to frighten the people who may think that the Police may charge with lathi. This has been heard by one of the members of the Sathyagraha Committee. Then that Police officer was subsequently

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subsequently asked about this matter, he said that he never gave instructions to the Reserve Police. It is not good for the Police Officers to utter falsehood. They must always tell truth. They must learn the art of keeping the crowd in peace. Since there are many to speak now, I will close my speech.

Mr. G.D. Chakravarthy, Congress Worker, Koligrama, next spoke thus.-

I do not speak much. I will tell you something about villages. Before telling you about villages, I want to tell you a few words about "Hamilton Building". The "Hamilton Building" has been built from the money that is paid to the Government by the poor people, who form the majority of the population. As my predecessor said yesterday in Subbarayanakere Maidan, the moral force of that name died on that day itself, i.e., on the 15th of this month. The Police have arrested the [illegible], since they went to carry the dead body of Mr.Hamilton. The people of the villages have not got even drinking water, leave along food and clothing. When I had gone to some village in the Kanakanahalli Taluk, I did not get drinking water there. The people of that village refused to give me water, when I asked them. The officers of the Government are only enjoying in Cities. They do not look to the convenience of the villagers. When I had gone to Panchlinga Darshana Jatra, I saw there much scarcity for water. In many villages the people have no food at all. They are contented with [illegible] alone. They are submerged in ignorance. Mr.Javare Gowda has told you much about the ignorance of the villagers yesterday. The Government have not provided/with many schools. There may be 1 school for 300 villages. If the villagers are educated, many of their troubles will vanish. The amildars use many coercive measures in collecting the revenue. Sometimes they ask the ryots to sell away the [illegible] of their cows to meet the revenue. There are many associations within the Congress which are working for the good of the people. The Muslim League is a communal organisation. The ryots cannot get much profit from tilling their soil. In spite of his small income, the ryot is forced by the Shanbhogue to pay the [illegible] to him. The shanbhogue justifies it saying that it is the custom from time immemorial. In my village there are nearly 7,000 people. Many of them are so poor that they cannot rear up their own children. This State is called "Model State". In what respect our State stands as a Model State? Perhaps in sucking the blood of the ryots and spending the revenue which they get in an irresponsible manner. We do not want this Government. The English people are not giving us anything according to the India Act of 1935. There are nearly 565 Native States in India. All the Maharajas of these States

States must grant R[illegible] Government to their people. Then there will be no place for [illegible] in [illegible]. They will be driven out. My friends, viz., the police Constables will get a pay of Rs.[illegible]/- only; whereas the Anglo-Indian constable gets a salary of Rs.18/-. and an allowance of Rs.4/- and a house at rent of Rs.8/-. But the poor Indian constable gets only one rupee of allowance in addition to his pay. Have the anglo-Indian constables got some paternal property from which they are receiving their salary. We must achieve Responsible Government and drive out the Englishmen. Napoleon the Great has said that all troubles will arise from the Englishman. The English people built the Indian Empire with some strategy. Without unity nothing can be gained. It is our duty to achieve Responsible Government and fight for it with unity among ourselves.

Mr. Chikkarudrappa of Devanahalli sang some lavanies.

Then the meeting terminated at 4-35 P.M.

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Mysore, 20-2-1939.

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S.B. No. 142/38-39.

SPECIAL REPORT.

(in continuation of S.B. No. 142/38-39 dated 13-2-39).

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Government Vs. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao.

Section 107CR.P.C.

(on the file of the Ist City Magistrate, Mysore).

The case came on for hearing this day. The Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution. Tagadur Rama-chandra Rao was defended by Advocates Messrs: H.C.Basappa, T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar, M.A.Doreswamy Iyengar, & S.Rangaramiah. Accused said he would file a written statement.

P.W.1 G.Basappa (Proprietor, Basaveshwara Electric Press, Mysore) was examined and cross examined.

The case was adjourned to 21-2-39.

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore, for information.

A. Rangaswami Iyengar
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

S E C R E T.

S.B.No.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held underthe auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Sunday the 19th February 1939 at 6-45 P.M. About 1,700 people had gathered.

After a few songs by an young boy of 6 years the meeting commenced.

Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, Convenor, Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, spoke thus:-

To-day completes the 5th day of our Sathyagraha. Our Sathyagrahies are daily sitting before the building in the hot sun. It has attracted the attention of many people. Yet the mind of the Government is not yet turned towards us. I do not know of what material the mind of the Government is composed of ! I doubt whether it is made up of iron or stone. They have not moved an inch from their place. Let us see how long they will proceed in this manner. But our Sathyagrahies are behaving very peacefully. Without peace we cannot attain any progress. Whatever progress we have achieved it is due to non-violence. It is due to this weapon of non-violence alone the Congress was able to have their Government in seven provinces. It is very difficult to follow this principle. We cannot get it in a day. Even if our Government behave violently we should not follow that principle. I am sorry to say that we are not following the principle of non-violence to the fullest extent. We must try our best to achieve that. The Government also must learn this. It is not sufficient if we follow the principle of non-violence. If we simply cry some bad names the letters on the building will not disappear. It will taken its own time. Let us patiantly proceed with our work. The time will come when our Government will have to change its policy. The important result of this Sathyagraha is the indication of the public sympathy and support to our movement. We must get Democracy. Now the Government is ruled by 2-3 people, in the manner they are pleased. You must have witnessed the scene before the Hamilton Building this morning. The Sathyagrahies carried a pole of about 30 ft. They tried to white-wash by getting inside. Since the Police did not allow inside the procedure has been altered. Now they try to white-wash those letters from outside. Yesterday they seized our pole.

But to-day the matter went a step further. The pole was seized by the Police as yesterday. But our Sathyagrahies received wounds on their body. The Sathyagrahies will show you those wounds now. But you should not get excited by seeing them. The Police are also our people. They have to do that work for the sake of their livelihood. If we were in their position we would have also behaved similarly due to the position we occupy. We should not abuse them. We must follow the principles of Truth and Non-violence as taught by Mahatma Gandhi. We are sure to get success. Our friends had to undergo suffering. They did not leave the bamboo pole to be taken away the Police. They resisted it as far as their strength could permit. But the Police were greater in number. They Sathyagrahies had to yield to the Police. The mob did not rush towards them. The Police surrounded our Sathyagrahies and carried away the pole. In the course of this little struggle the Sathyagrahies received wounds. One Sub-Inspector thrust his boots on the legs of the Sathyagrahies. We should not mind them. We have to receive such wounds in greater measure. In the last Civil Disobedience Movement in Bombay such incidents were common. If you remember them your hair will stand up. When all our leaders were in jail, the ladies took the lead. When one lady leader lead the mob, the Police gave all sorts of difficulties. She had to receive many wounds. I am forced to say this that a Sergeant thrust his lathi on the back of that lady. I am ashamed to say such things before you. But my mind rebels against such actions of the Police. I cannot but say. They committed shameful atrocities during that time. Since the lady was carrying the National Flag this Sergeant wanted to seize it. Till the very end she did not allow him to take away the Flag. The Government was intelligent enough to send the Sergeants rather than our Indian Police. Because the Government thought that our Indian Police will be generous towards their men. Hence they sent the Anglo-Indian Sergeants who do not spare any other Flag except their own, namely, the Union Jack. You can see the Union Jack wherever the Viceroy goes. It is disgraceful for us to give such

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such a prominence. I told you this because similar incidents may take place here also. We should be prepared for it from now. The Police may adopt the same procedure here also. Let us follow the principle of non-violence. We are sure to succeed. We are seeding agitation throughout the country. Gandhiji is not keeping quiet. The problem of the Indian States has caught the attention of Mahatmaji. This is the first problem he is concerned with. His idea about the Indian States he is writing in 'Harijan'. To-day we read that Gandhiji is going to launch a new programme in the Indian States. The famous Indian Leaders are going to lead the Indian States. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sirdar Vallabhai Patel, Subhas Chandra Bose, Pattabhi Sitharamiah and many others are going to take lead in each of the Indian States. The Provincial Ministers who are now governing the different Provinces are prepared to go to jail. They do not want to govern the Provinces. It is not known the names of the leaders who will take lead in each of the States. Probably Mr.Kher may take the lead in Rajkot. Now he is governing the Bombay Province. Tomorrow he may tender his resignation. Nobody in the Congress wants power or position. They want that the country should be uplifted. The condition of the poor must be improved. They want to drive out the British Imperialism from India. The day when the British Imperialism leaves the shores of India, then India will have regained her independence. Then she will be reckoned as one of the important nations in the world. We do not know who is taking lead in Travancore or Hyderabad. In Hyderabad the agitation has been suspended temporarily. The Government of Hyderabad declared that the Congress was working with communal motives, and they have banned all public meetings and the Congress has not been recognised. Gandhiji requested the people to suspend the activities for some time. According by it is stopped. The person who had come here in the last December, namely, Pattabhi Sitharamiah, may come here to lead us. Let us follow him. Let us be prepared by that time. When the agitation is started throughout the States, the British Imperialism will shake with terror as Hitler terrified Czechoslovakia. Gandhi is our Hitler.

Then what do you consider this Hamilton Building before that

But it does not mean that this is a small affair. Because we must fight wherever there is the sign of British Imperialism. If we leave it there alone, it takes root very deep. We should not give time for it. We must remove it immediately You must all co-operate in this. It is already evident that you have given us your full support when you have assembled here in such numbers. But I request you to maintain peace and order. You must not give room to disturbances. You must conduct yourselves as our people conducted ~~in~~ themselves at Sivapura. I will now introduce the Sathyagahies. (So saying he introduced the two Sathyagrahies). This is Mr.Chandrasekhara Gowda who received wounds on his body this morning. The Police surrounded him and gave " [illegible] ". The Police put their boots leg on his leg. He will tell your about his experiences shortly. This is Mr. Krishniah Naidu who also received wounds.(He showed the wounds on the body. There was slight disturbance in the crowd. When Mr.Suryanarayana Rao cried several Jais the crowd became peaceful The Sathyagrahies described the way in which they received the wounds but they did not speak as they were tired).

Mr.Ganapathi Sastry, Saligrama, next spoke thus:-

My friends have asked me to give my opinion about this Hamilton Building affair. All of you know that the Congress has permitted to take action on individual basis. How to take it? That is the question. I will just tell you the procedure how a Sathyagraha is to be donductdd and the atmosphere that is necessary for it. We have to learn a good deal about Sathyagraha. It is not an easy thing to conduct. If there is any person on this earth who can teach the lesson of Sathyagraha it is Mahatma Gandhi. There is no other person in the world who can successfully teach us Sathyagraha. Some of us might have known the ideas of Gandhiji by discussing with him personally. We forget everything when we are in the presence of Mahatmaji. He said " Sathyagraha is a double-headed sword." That is to say, it can cut both the ends. It can punish the enemy as well as the person who thrusts the dagger. It is a difficult weapon to handle. If you place the sword on Truth it can cut it.

If it is placed on Un-truth it can cut it also. The weapon cuts on both the ends. Hence when we are handling this weapon of Sathyagraha we must be very careful. What should be the atmosphere? I will just illustrate. There are people of different professions here. Suppose you start a business. First you will consider the market conditions. A farmer will start his work in the field in a good season. So also a Sathyagrahy must consider the conditions. We must allow the maximum time for injustice to grow. Whether it is an institution or an individual we must give room for it or him to commit as much injustice as it or he can. We must warn from time to time, that he is reachin his fall. But all the while we must strengthen ourselves. This is what we find in Puranas, e.g., Dhruva and Prahlada. When the wrongs of the doer go beyond the limits then is the ripe time for the Sathyagrahy. To attain Truth and Justice must be the sole object of the Sathyagrahy. Then only a person will be called a true Sathyagrahy. My friends have asked me to give my opinion ~~by~~ about this Sathyagraha. A Sathyagrahy should not persist. If he committed mistakes he must accept. Then only he will be called as bold Sathyagrahy. Gandhiji said that this can be applied to Society or to Politics. So far we are considering this Hamilton Building from the point of view of Politics. We must weaken the wrong-doer by giving him more and more scope to commit injustice. When ~~the~~ he goes beyond the limit then it will be the right time for us to strike a blow. I went to see my friend Mr.Chakravarthy before the Hamilton Building this morning. I did not go there to see a park fair or a jathra. We must consider it seriously. We should not go there to make fun of others. There is no meaning in offering such Sathyagrahies. It is not difficult to wipe off those letters. If we send a mason the thing can be accomplished easily. But the idea of offering Sathyagraha is different. In my opinion the whole building has to be demolished. It is like" [illegible] ". Personally I feel the major issue of the Hamilton Building is not ~~thaxxx~~ before the Hamilton Building. The key lies ~~in~~ before the Town Hall which the Government is so jealously guarding by putting 144 section.

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You must strike a blow at it. Then Hamilton Building will fall down. The British Imperialism and the Native States join together. So also this Hamilton Building and Town Hall. If you strike the one the other will automatically fall away. That is the secret of it. (Claps). All diplomatic rulers will have made some important key centres, for times of emergency. The British came to India and divided us into different sections by giving different names. It is only by this means they could achieve their object. They made us weak by taking away our power. The strong forts were pulled down. Even the smallest security we had we lost. They changed the names of towns and cities. They changed everything according to their safety and convenience. The forts of Seringapatam were pulled down. They have given names such as French Rocks, etc. There is a British Regiment in Bangalore. They have made their position secure. There is no use if we simply search for the iron safe without searching the key of it. The key of the Hamilton Building lies at Town Hall. You must examine this. If you sit before the building the Police Officers sit on the chairs before the building. How long can this state be continued. If you are given an army, you will see that your men do not receive any blows while the opponents receive severe injuries. That is how the battle is conducted. The Commandant also works on the same principle. Gandhiji is following the same principle. Instead of simply wasting your time before Hamilton Building you must go to Town Hall. The Government is clever enough to ban the public meetings at Town Hall rather than this Maidan. They think there is something before the Town Hall. That is why they have banned only Town Hall. Hence I consider the Hamilton Building as a minor issue. If you hold the nostrils of a person he will choke. But if you hold the leg he will simply keep quite. The key lies at the nostrils and not at the leg. That is the way of the Government. They are clever. If we have to succeed we must be cleverer than the Government. If we make them drink water they will make us drink oil. The Indian Princes held a conference. Similarly the States People held their own Conference at Ludhiana. This will not end here.

This agitation will spread throughout India. The Government is checking the civil liberties. It is evident from the action of the Government when they enforced 144 section to Town Hall. Though I do not want to speak about the Reforms Committee, I am forced to say something. It is also a snare.( ). We have only given time to the Government to repair the jails. They are already preparing for it. When I said this in one of the meetings my friends got wild. They did not concur with my view. Some discussion took place. I do not mind it. I have Mahatma Gandhi as my leader. Everyone has got a right to give expression to his thought. So I am expressing my views. At present the name of Hamilton has created discontent among people. He is known to everybody as a human slaughterer.( ). But we need not be g afraid of Hamilton. Let the Government bring as many 'tons(as they please, let them collect as much 'tons' of ammunition as they like, we do not fear. We are prepared to give our lives. I am sure that Mysore will not fall back when such a time comes. (Claps). If the Government wanted to give the name of a person who served the people, why should they not have given the name of Mr.C.F.Andrews? (Here a tussel arose between Mr.Suryanarayana Rao and the speaker. Mr.S.N.Suryanarayana Rao said that nobody's name need be given to Government buildings. A discussion arose. Somebody from the crowd, probably Mr.M.N.Jois, cried that there need not be any discussion in the lecture and the speaker could continue his lecture. Thereupon there was some confusion in the crowd. The speaker said that when heckling comes I have to answer a heckler.' Mr.Upadhyaya requested the speaker to continue his lecture and also requested the crowd not to disturb his line of thought.). I do not say that a foreigner's name should be given to a building. British Imperialism is sure to go away. The Mysore Government is on the wrong side. But we must allow them to commit wrongs after wrongs Then it undermines itself. We should be anxious of our results. We must concentrate our attention on our actions and not on the results. Because we are not responsible for them. I said that this Sathyagraha is a minor issue. You may disagree with me.

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I have no objection for it. Since my friends requested me to give my opinion I stood up to speak. If my speech has wounded anybody's feelings I request them to excuse me.

Mr.A.Subbarao Upadhyaya, next spoke thus:-

Our friend Mr.Ganapanthi Sastry has given his views frankly. But you should not mistake him. There is no need to discuss whether the Sathyagraha is a major issue or a minor issue. Mr.M.N. Jois has already discussed this question. It is already time. Mr.Suryanarayana Rao will speak for 5 minutes.

Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Proprietor, Kalabhavanam, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I did not come here to speak. I could not come near the Hamilton Building this evening since my health was not good. I came here, just as you have all come, to know what took place this evening and the programme of to-morrow. "ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಾಗೃತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಾಗೃತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ". When Gandhiji had come here he had stated that Mysore was not awaken. He had given a wrong opinion of Mysoreans. Our Government took this opportunity and printed several copies of this statement of Gandhiji. They circulated throughout the villages. But later on he changed his mind when Vidurashwatha Tragedy took place. The question of giving support to Indian States by the Congress was discussed in the last Haripura Session. I was also present on the occasion. Our leaders rose to speak one after the other. They were a terror to us. We are nothing before those lions. The atmosphere of Haripura Session was splendid. I felt as though I was in Heaven. Then alone the Congress wanted to put a blow to those Indian States. But they have given some more time. When some of the leaders came to Mysore the Government Officers took them to important places through some selected streets. They were given all facilities. The Government got certificates from them. "ಇದು ಇದರಿಂದ ಏನೂ ಕಾನೂನು ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಕಾಪಿ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೆಟ್ ತಗೊಂಡ". But nobody considers the real condition of the people. How can they understand if they go about in motor cars? Mahatma Gandhi accepted his mistake that he had wrongly estimated the people of Mysore. I remember it

it to you now. If our friend Mr.Ganapathi Sastry had heard the last two lectures he would not have said that Hamilton Building Sathyagraha is a minor one. He would have said that Hamilton Building should go first and then ~~of~~ fighting for Responsible Government. Giving a name to the building is not a small affair. When naming a child the parties of husband and wife try to give a name of their family. But in the middle the Purohit interferes, to suggest his own choice. I am very sorry to tell you of the instance where the Government has removed the name of our beloved Highness. I am referring to the Choultry which is near the Chamundi Hill. It was formerly called after the name of our Highness. It was also known as Purniah's choultry I have ~~xxxxxx~~ taken my food in that choultry for several years. I have grown from that food. Many have seen me going for " " (Claps). Many of my friends who were taking food in this Choultry are now in good positions. Now they have abolished that Choultry. Let them open its doors. We are here to grow the paddy from our blood. We will name the building after our beloved Highness. Our land is one which has opened its door for all its guests. But the Government to-day has removed the name of our Highness which was given to this building. The Sanskrit ~~xxx~~ College has now become a hostel. What can we say to such a Government? If our Highness passes through Doddapet he sees this name, which should no longer be there. I had the opportunity of conversing with Gandhiji when he had come to Nandi Hills. I asked his opinion about Sathyagraha. He asked me what I would do if the Police come to threaten us. He said that supposing you are holding a flag in your hand, and the Police come to seize it, ~~But~~ you must hold it firm. Let your fingers fall. Even if your receive severe wounds you must maintain the prestige of our National Flag. I have heard these ~~xxx~~ words from my own years. Hence our Sathyagrahies must not mind their wounds. Even if the Police give us difficulties we must overcome them. I will also take my chance. I will try my best to resist ~~from~~ the Police in taking away the pole. I will try to white-wash those letters. If I cannot succeed I will not mind. Let us try to achieve it. You should not mistake that we are sending boys only while we

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we are in the back. That is not our intention. I am a person who had several children. I have lost 7-8 children. I have suffered a good deal. It is not my intention to put young men into difficulty. I have a great sympathy towards boys. But let us give our souls in the service of our country. When I took the Sathyagrahies on my lap while they received wounds in the morning, I felt as though I regained all my children who are now dead and gone. Such was my pleasure. I shed tears on the spot. But our Highness should get such tears. He must feel for his children. We are suffering. Our Highness, who is our parent and guardian, must look to our difficulties. The intermediaries should not give us undue suffering. Our Highness is in the dark. He is not knowing what is happening to his subjects. If not to-day, some other day at least, he will invite us and console us. He will certainly comply with our request. I hope the day will come soon. I have to beg pardon of our Sathyagrahies, for the mistake I committed this morning. They had to receive some wounds due to my negligence. I forgot to remove some nails on the bamboo stick. I had to smoothen the edges. Hence in the morning struggle they had to receive wounds. I apologise for my mistake. I request them to excuse me. I am prepared to undergo any punishment that God gives me if not in this world, at least in the next world. The second thing is while Mr.Ganapathi Sastry was lecturing I put a word in the middle unconsciously. It came of its own accord. But my opinion is this. Whatever the building, whether public or Government, there should be no personal name on it. You may call the District Offices as Mehkri Buildings. Some person who comes after him may like to have his name on the building for his splendid services. Whether a Sub-Registrar's Office or a Police Office, it belongs to the State, and to its people. It is a public institution. Nobody's name should be given. In Old Agrahar, there is a Police Station called Krishnaraj Police Station. It is the name of our Maharaja. We have no objection for it. Moreover, it is located in the Krishna Mohalla. Another Station which is located in Mandi M

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is called Handi Police Station. Similarly this building which is named after Hamilton was formerly called Central Police Station. Formerly there old building was called as Central Police Station. Our Highness used to receive garlands before that Station. Now our Highness has to see the name of Hamilton Building when he goes there. If our Highness questions the person who boldly said in the Legislative Council that he was proud to give the name of Hamilton, what is reply is he going to give? About this Sathyagraha many are speaking in different manners. They question us about the utility of our sitting before the burning sun daily and coming away. Our Police Officials also come there daily. They also stand in the burning sun as our Sathyagrahies. They get up every morning and come to the Station. They have to seize the pole every day. Is it for this that we pay so much salary? They will be tired to do this work. At last they will feel that there is no use in continuing that procedure. They will not care whether the name of Hamilton remains thereor not. But what I say is that we must be prepared for all sorts of difficulties. We must undergo all the ordeals. During the last C.D.Movement Indians had to undergo severe ordeals. Even young boys received wounds. A young boy who was carrying the National Flag did not allow the Police to seize it till the very end. At last he fell senseless. He was removed to the Hospital and later on he regained consciousness. When Mahatmaji received this news he felt very glad. We must also be brave and proceed with our work. The time has already come when the British have to leave the Indian shores. If we succeed in our Sathyagraha we will have laid the foundation stone. The Empire, which was boasting that the Sun would never go down from their Empire, has now to take warning. The time has come when the Sun will set. They have to collect their bag and baggage to return to their homes. I hope you will also support us in realising this.

(Then a labourer got up to speak voluntarily. Since there was no connection in his speech, he was asked to sit down. He spoke like a mad man and the people asked him to sit down.)

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Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, again spoke thus:-

It is already time. The Sathyagraha Committee is having more and more work. It cannot protong the meeting. And also our Sathyagrahies are tired. So we will close the meeting. I have to inform you a piece of glad news. You might be aware that there was an election at Gundlupet Taluk to elect a candidate for the Representative Assembly. Mr.Venkata Setty had stood for election on Congress ticket. We are glad to inform you that he secured 319 votes as against 170. Thus he has been elected to the Representative Assembly. People had thought that there was communal clash in the Taluk and the Congress candidate would not succeed. But now the result has shown that Congress has no such fear. There is no difference of caste or creed. There is complete public support. To-morrow the same programme will continue. The names of the Sathyagrahies will be announced to-morrow morning. Now the meeting has come to an end.

The meeting came to a close at 8-15 P.M. with several cries of Jais.

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Stenographer, District
Police Office, Mysore.
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Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter of even number dated the 14th instant, I am sending herewith for perusal, the report received from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga regarding the Public Meeting held at Ramanna Setty's Park on the 13th instant.

Sub-d
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Yours sincerely,

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Submitted:-

Under the auspices of the National Youth League, Shimoga, a public meeting was held yesterday (13-2-39) at 8-30 p.m. in Ramanna Setti Park, Shimoga Town, Mr. Vasappa Gogi presiding. Mr. M.N.Jois of Mysore addressed the gathering about " Hamilton Satyagraha" to be started on the 15th instant. About 100 persons attended the meeting.

Mr. Y.Parthanarayana Pandit in introducing the speaker, said that Mr. Jois played a very prominent part during the no-tax campaign in Shimoga District along with his comrade Sardar Venkataramiah and worked day and night to ~~xxxx~~ bring the campaign to a successful end. Then he referred to the Thigane Satyagraha and the Satyagraha launched by Gowramamma, wife of Mr. Venkataramiah. He added that ~~xx~~ the names of Mr. M.N.Jois and Thagadur Ramachandra Rao lived in his memory for the great sacrifice rendered by them in the cause of the State. He then requested Mr. Jois to acquaint the audience in detail about the "Hamilton Satyagraha" to be launched in Mysore on 15th February.

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Mr. M.N. Jois spoke as follows:- " At the time of No-tax campaign I moved about in Sorab and Shikaripur Taluks ~~for~~ for about 11 to 12 months and sincerely thank you for all the help given to me. Though the thanksgiving is belated, "better late than never".

The article in the "Tainadu" by some news agent that Mahatma Gandhi has been addressed in the matter of starting "Hamilton Satyagraha" and that Gandhiji might interfere in this affiar. It is impossible that Gandhiji can interfere when he himself is taking som much interest in ~~xxxxxx~~ matters relating to States; he has sent his 70-year old wife to participate in the satyagraha started at Rajkot; he has sent Jamnalal Bajaj to establish his birthright; he has been advising the Princes to introduce Responsible Government in their States. This might be "ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ Of course we cannot achieve anything without the blessing of Mahatma Gandhi as Subhas Chandra Bose put it; though they might have the support and sympathy of millions of people.

The idea of starting Hamilton Satyagraha entered their heads for the first time when they noticed the letters "ಹ

"Hamilton Buildings" on the Central Police Station whenthey were taking out a procession condemning the Vidurasvatha Report. After the advent of Hamilton regime in Police Department many times fire was opened on the innocent people which finally culminated in the death of several persons in Vidurasvatha. Hence it is not right that his name should be engraved on a public building. It was to our greatest surprise to notice the Demon "Hamilton Building" on the Police Station when we brought to our memory the fact that Rs.40000 was paid to the members of the Ramesam Committee from the hard-earned money of the Ryots. Before the Visweswaraiah Committee, the then Inspector-General of Police gave evidence. Mr. Hiriyanniah appeared before the Committee just because he was a black I.G.P. Just because Mr. Hamilton was a European the Government did not urge him to appear before the Committee. The same privilege was not given to the then I.G.P.. During the disturbance at Bangalore during Narimans's visit, Mr. Hamilton referring to the death of Gundappa said that he would prefer killing 50 people and at quell the disturbance than withdraw the Police force. This statement he made before the leading merchants and lawyers of Bangalore when they appealed to him to withdraw the Police. " ಇಂಥಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿತ್ತಿ ಮಾರವಾಡಿ ಸೆಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಲಾಯರ್ ಸಾಹೇಬರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ನಿಮಾ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

The Ramesham Committee was a dramatic theatre and it was not appointed to find out the truth. Mr. Raju insisted on his appearnce before the Committee twice or thrice but he did not appear at all. If there was a black I.G.P. he would have deposed Even the Revenue Commissioner Mr. Shanmugharaman gave his evidence before the Committee. This was because he was also a "black man". The European Officers in Mysore have made it a point to give trouble (ತೊಂದರೆ) in the affairs of Mysore, and are throwing obstacles in the way of progress. Some are mistaken about the Satyagraha and say that it is unnecessary and useless. This Satyagraha has nothing to do with individuals and as such with the person of Mr. Hamilton. It is only against British Imperialism which is being implemented through such Europeans imported from outside ~~to State~~. The British Imperialism that is lifting its head here and there must be rooted out Even the Maharaja knows that his Government cannot exist for 3 minutes if he should lose the love and respect of his people

if he should lose the love and respect of his people. (3¾ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು). The present misunderstanding and fight is not between our Mahraja and the people but between the British Rule and the people. The Government should not go on creating enemity between the people and the Govt. It is like: [illegible]

The Police Station was not built by Mr. Hamilton. Neither he nor the Dewan did not ~~give~~ gave a single pie for its construction. The Dewan said in the Legislative Council that he took the initiative of giving that name to the Building with pleasure. No one likes the idea of naming a public building after a Government Servant. Unless that name is removed, we cannot have peace of mind.

The site on which the building ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ is constructed has already become ours; the building is built out of the money paid by the ryots and hence it is ryots' building; so we have already assumed the ownership of the building. The only thing left for us is to occuppy the building and announce that the Ryots' Governme t has been established.

No one need be afraid of jails. The Government could not keep us in Jail for three weeks and we were released. " [illegible] Even my three-years old son Jayasimha has the experience of jail two to three times. I asked the neighbours who requested me to leave him to their care when his parents went to jail, I asked them to bless him as they would bless a ~~marriage~~ married couple.

Fianlly he said that the "Hamilton Satyagraha" would be started at 8-30 a.m. in Mysore and for the successful termination of the same, he wanted the support of all though they may not be present on the spot.

Mr. H.C.Dasappa then said that on 15th January he had come here as the guest of the Government and ~~then~~ he made the acquaintance the Congress leaders of Shimoga when he was in Jail. He added

that no useful result would come out of the Reforms Committee and that they must all prepare themselves to take active part in the agitation that may be launched shortly. The Government are unwise in thinking that they could satisfy them by giving little condessions like the appointing of another member with the two Councillors in the Government. "[illegible] When Mahatma Gandhi is recommending responsible Government, what is your duty? Your must not act like cowards; you must all equip yourself to free Bharat Mata and the States from the bondage of slavery.

Mr. Kalli Tahippanna Sastry exhorted those present to join Congress and deliver "Bharat Mata" from her bondage.

The meeting terminated at about 9-15 p.m.

Messrs. H.C.Basappa, M.N.Jois and Kalli Thippanna Sastry left Shimoga for Mysore by the 5-30 p.m. train.

Sd/- C.Seshadri Sarma.

Steno-typist,
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Dated 14-2-39.

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Mr. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith S.B. Report No. 183/38-39, regarding the proceedings of the public meeting held at the open field close to the Middle School, Gundlupet, on the 18th February 1939, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

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S.B. 183 /38-39.

Copy of the report received from the Police Inspector, Gundlupet Taluk, Dated 19-2-39.

PROCEEDINGS of the Public Meeting held at the open field close to the Middle School, Gundlupet, on 18-2-1939 at 5-45 P.M. About 400 persons including boys attended.

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Advocate MR. H.C.DASAPPA, of Mysore, spoke thus :-

To-day you have all come and given votes here and at Terakanambi. It seems that God himself is favourable to the country. Some time back myself and my friends Messrs: S.Rangaramiah, S.Narayana Rao & others requested Mr. Kongalappa to stand as a Member to the R.A. on Congress Ticket. He never gave any reply about his decision. Hence we requested Mr. Venkata Setty to stand as a Member on behalf of the Congress, for which he consented. We all thank him for the same. Similarly we thank Mr. Kon--galappa also. When Mr. Venkata Setty becomes successful, it surely tells upon the work of the Gundlupet people in favour of the Congress. Government may think that Congress is constituted by only four or five members like Mr. Siddalingiah & others and that they could do nothing etc. But it is false. The people of Gundlupet have got the sympathy of Mahatma Gandhiji. Congress has made up its mind for the up-lift--ment of Bharatmata. India is a place which has given birth to several prominent & sacred persons " ಅವತಾರಪುರುಷರು". 36 crores of people of India have become the slaves of the Britishers who are 4 crores, which is a very small number. They have looted our wealth; they take high salaries in India; they destroyed our Indian Industries; and they gave encouragement to drinking. Formerly India was well known for its riches, which has now been lost. Seeing all this Mahatma Gandhi & other important leaders determined to get liberty and freedom at any cost. Government were requested to reduce the assessment. People who brought such a proposition were sent to jails. Owing to the disturbances at Rajkote, Srimathi Kasturi Bai Gandhi, is under-going imprisonment in jail. In Mysore State the ryots pay ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 3¾ Crores of rupees as land revenue. If they do not pay it for one year, Government will destrain their properties. Mahatma Gandhiji has stated that ryots are the Masters and Government Officers are the servants. The subjects should get power and freedom. At present, the ryots population ~~xx~~ un-educated. But no facilities are created by the Government for giving them education. There are no drinking wells in the villages. These difficulties which are experienced by the ryots cannot be understood by the Officers. It is only if the wives of the Officers who draw heavy salaries are made to carry water from the

the wells just like the wives of the ryots, then they will realise what an amount of difficulties the ryot-class are undergoing. There are a number of lights in the Cities of Mysore and Bangalore and also on Chamundi Hills. Similarly a number of taps have been provided in the above said places. When they are asked to provide some more schools and other facilities to the villages, they say that they have no funds. If you enquire deeply into the matter you will find that it is the Government that is reponsible for all these irregularities. The Prime Minister in Madras gets a salary of Rs 500/- whereas the Dewan of Mysore gets a salary of Rs 5000/-. The income of Japan is 200 crores and there the Dewan gets Rs 660/-. For all the revenue that you are paying, what is the benefit you are deriving from the Government? If you ask all these things they send you to jails. We are fighting with the Government with the implements of "Truth" and "Non-violence". Once the Government imprisoned us and subsequently they released us being afraid. Government by granting Medals and titles to rich persons have pocketted them. We do not know whether Congress has got sufficient votes to-day or not. The villagers of this Taluk, have helped us to a great extent. The work that you have all done to-day has gone further in loosening the fetters of Bharat-Mata. By your action of to-day Mahatma Gandhiji will be highly pleased and Bharatmata will also be pleased. Mr. T.Mariappa will speak now and I request you to give a patient hearing.

Advocate MR. T.MARIAPPA, of Mysore, next spoke thus :-

My Guru - Mr. H.C.Dasappa has already spoken enough and as per his instructions, I will speak a few words. All of you must bear in mind what Mr. H.C. Dasappa has spoken to you. The Village-folk have not yet understood what Congress is. They should know that ryots are the masters of the country. The Government is maintained from the land revenue paid by you. Government were requested to lessen the tax for which they gave a deaf ear. Congress has been started to up-lift the ryots. If all the ryots of Mysore join together, then the object can be achieved. Owing to Congress Ministry in Madras, Schools, wells and other facilities have been provided to the ryots. Where-ever we go we cannot avoid the Police who follow us, take down notes, which reaches the Dewan the very next day. There must be a Minister elected from among the people. This is known as Responsible Government. It is only by achieving Responsible Government, you will achieve your objects. Out of the land revenue you pay to the Government, not even 10% will be spent for creating facilities for you.

You must all become united and join Congress and thus help in the achievement of Responsible Government.

KUMARASWAMY, (a boy of 20 years), Congress-worker, next spoke thus :-

To-day you have all given votes to the Congress. By this you have done service to the country. On 16-3-39 there is District Board election. Then also you must vote in favour of Congress. I thank you for the same.

MR. NANJAPPA SETTARU, Lawyer, Nanjangud, next spoke thus :-

You are all in darkness and Congress has come forward to enlighten you. You must try to earn your liberty which is most essential. Every man has to fight for his liberty which is most essential. You must lose all your slavish mentality. Only about 8% of the people among you are educated the rest being uneducated. The revenue is very heavy and should be curtailed. I request you all to join Congress.

The meeting terminated at 7 P.M., with cries of several jais.

N.B. - Mr. Venkata Setty who stood on Congress Ticket came out successful in the election having got 319 votes as against 170 got by Kongalappa.

Sd/- K.G.Ramachandra Rao,
Sub Inspector of Police,
Gundlupet (J-11)
North.

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.
20-2-1939.

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MYSORE,

Dated 21st Feb. 1939

MR. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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No. 6689

Dear Sir,

I forward herewith the marginally* noted reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for the information of Government.

(1)	S.B. Report No. 142/38-39 re: the Seventh Day Satyagraha in front of the Hamilton Building.	Copies of the same have also been forwarded to the Private Secretary to the Dewan.
(2)	S.B. Report No.142 of 38-39 re: proceedings of the meeting held at Subbarayankere Maidan on the 20th evening.	
(3)	Report on the progress in Case No. C.M.C.17/38-39 (Government Vs. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao) under Section 107 Cr.P.C.	

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Yours sincerely,

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S.B. No. 142/38-39.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - VIIth Day - 21-2-1939.

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At 8 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao - Member of the Sathyagraha Committee came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with A.V.Chikkarudrappa (Sathyagrahi on 17-2-39), B.Siddappa Gowda (aged 19 years S/O Mari Gowda, Vokkaligar, carpenter by profession, residing in Dodda Vokkalageri, Mysore) and M.S.Krishnappa Gowda (aged 22 years, Vokkaligar S/O Siddiah, Mason by profession and also few others. A.V.Chikkarudrappa and B.Siddappa Gowda carried on their shoulders a long pole (two bamboos had been tied with rope to make up the full length). To one end of the bamboo a brush had been tied. To this, a placard written on it in ink "ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ನಿಪಾತಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ" in Kannada on one side and "Down with Hamilton" on the other side had been tied. B.Siddappa Gowda carried in his hand a pot containing chunam. A small boy carried the Congress Flag and M.Shama Rao carried the Golaka.

At the Subbarayanakere Maidan the pole was rested on the ground.

At 8-5 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd numbering about 50 thus :-

" Here after no speeches will be made here. At 8 A.M., every day the Sathyagrahis who offer Sathyagraha will leave from this place. Our duty is to offer Sathyagraha. The Government must be moved to change their attitude. The Sathyagrahis will require your blessings to achieve that. The Sathyagrahis of this day are B.Siddappa Gowda and M.S.Krishnappa Gowda".

The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis.

Then the two Sathyagrahis were garlanded by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao. The procession started followed by about 100 persons. The pole was carried jointly on their shoulders by M.S.Krishnappa Gowda and B.Siddappa Gowda (Sathyagrahis of this day) in a horizontal position. M.S.Krishnappa Gowda was in front holding the pot

pot containing chunam.

The procession passed through Narayana Sastry road, Rama Vilas Agrahar, Santhopet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet and arrived near the Central Police Station Chowk at 8-30 A.M. On the way they shouted several jais, "Down with Hamilton" and ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಹಿಪಿಕರಿಗಿ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ A.N.Suryanarayana Rao instructed the boys who followed the procession to shout "ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಬಿಳ್ಳಿಂಗಿಗಿ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ" twice at a time. They did accordingly.

On the vacant sites and on the foot-paths in front of the Central Police Station about 1500 persons had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived followed by about 100 persons. Pro--minent among them were :-

1. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter, and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore.
2. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee.
3. K.V.Veerappa, Member of the Sathyagraha Committee and Congress worker, Malavalli.
4. M.N.Jois, Congress worker, Mysore.
5. M.Shama Rao, Sathyagrahi on 15-2-1939.
6. T.Narayana Gowda -do- 17-2-1939.
7. A.V.Chikkarudrappa -do- 17-2-1939.
8. A.Ramanna, Congress worker, Mysore.
9. A.Shivanna, Plantain seller, Devaraj Market, Mysore.
10. Javare Gowda of Nagamangala.
11. S.Narayana Swamy, Congress worker, Sathigrama, Krishnaraja--nagar Taluk.
12. M.B.Chandrashekariah, Sathyagrahi on 19-2-1939.
13. P.V.Krishniah Naidu, -do- -do-
14. U.Kenchiah
15. S.S.Chakravarthy } -do- 18-2-1939
16. M.N.Venkatappa
17. H.Hanumanthiah } -do- 16-2-1939.
18. Ramakrishniah, Tailor, D.Subbiah road, Mysore.
19. Shambhulingiah, Member, Mass Awakener's Union, Mysore
20. T.S.Subbanna, Secretary -do-
21. Patnam Srinivasa Setty, Land holder, Dodpet, Mysore.
22. Bhadriah, Editor, "Grama Seva"

Adequate police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station.

At 8-20 A.M., just before the Sathyagrahis arrived at the Central Police Station Square, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed to the crowd in front of the Central Police Station thus :-

All of you must sit down on the foot-paths. You should

should not come and stand on the road. If any body were to stand on the road leaving the foot-path, the Sathyagraha will have to be stopped. If any body gets up he will be a traitor and also brings discredit to the country. No one should speak. The mode of Sathyagraha will be changed from tomorrow. We will not bring poles from tomorrow. As some one came running to the road yesterday, there was some confusion and trouble. My earnest appeal to all of you is to take your seats on the foot-path. The peace that you maintain now will surely reach the ears of Mahatma Gandhi and he will appreciate the same very much. You must all shout in a different manner to-day, i.e., you have to shout " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್ ಕೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ — " twice at a time. The crowd shouted accordingly prompted by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

Javare Gowda went on noting down the metal numbers of the Daffedars and Constables who were on duty at the Central Police Station Square.

At 8-30 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao once again appealed to the crowd who continued to stand on the foot-path to take their seats and informed that if any commotion is caused by them this day would be the last day of the offering of Sathyagraha. He further added that unless they take to their seats the two Sathyagrahis will not be allowed to proceed to go to the Central Police Station from the place where they were stopping in the square.

Mr. M.N.Jois also appealed to the crowd to sit on the foot-paths and to maintain strict discipline. Several persons complied with this request.

At 8-35 A.M., the two Sathyagrahis accompanied by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came as far as the foot-path of the Central Police Station and stood there. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao took away the pot containing chunam from the hands of the Sathyagrahi and asked the two Sathyagrahis to lift up the pole they were carrying and to hold it. Then the two Sathyagrahis lifted up the pole and said that they are going to white wash the name "Hamilton Building". A.N. Suryanarayana Rao who was standing near-by the Sathyagrahis instructed them not to surrender the pole at any cost and to exhibit their

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their strength (ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಮಾಡಿ. ಗಳಿಯನ್ನು ಬಿಡಿಸಿ —). The pole was taken away by the police though the two Sathyagrahis offered resistence.

Then the two Sathyagrahis came and squatted on the foot path by the side of the Station just in front (there was claps). A.N. Suryanarayana Rao kept the pot which he was holding by the side of the Sathyagrahis. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao again addressed the crowd thus :-

"You have exhibited the same kind of peace which you main--tained on the first day. From tomorrow the mode of Sathyagraha will be changed. The Sathyagrahis will only bring a pot containing chunam and a brush for 2 days from tomorrow. They will not bring poles. This change has been adopted with a view to give some more time to the Government to reconsider our prayers. The principle with which this Sathyagraha has been launched is with the main idea of ousting out the British Imperialism. This is the main principle. Let the Government reconsider. Now I request you all to bestow your blessings to the Sathyagrahis by shouting jais." The crowd shouted several jais and "Down with Hamilton" prompted by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

At 8-40 A.M., some of the persons mostly boys, who were standing on the foot-paths and vacant sites opposite to the Central Police Station came and stood on the road in front of the Sathyagrahis shouting several jais and " ಕ್ಯಾಮಿ ಲ್ಯಾಸಿ ಬಿ ಲ್ಯಾಂಗಸಿ ಫ್ರಿಕ್ಕರ. ". They stood there for a few minutes. They did not keep back inspite of several appeals made to them by some persons. Then Mr. H.N.Jois gave the Congress Flag to a small boy and asked him to take the boys in procession. About 100 boys went towards Erangere in procession. The rest of the people were gradually sent back to the foot-path by the police.

Inspector Mr. N.S.Subbanna, told Mr. H.N.Jois to see that the boys are not let loose. Mr. H.N.Jois agreed to do so and said that as they are riffraffs he would arrange to send them away with a flag with instructions to go in procession in some of the streets.

After speaking to the Sathyagrahis he went away at 9 A.M.

The crowd decreased to about 300 persons.

Patnam Srinivasa Setty came to the Sathyagrahis and gave them some tiffin.

M.B.Chandrasekhariah came/having spoken to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

A placard was brought and kept by the side of the Sathyagrahis by M.Shama Rao. On it was written the names of the two Sathyagrahis for the day.

At 9-15 A.M., M.B.Chandrasekhariah and P.V.Krishniah Naidu came to the Sathyagrahis. P.V.Krishniah Naidu whispered some--thing in the ears of M.S.Krishnappa Gowda and then both of them went away.

At 9-30 A.M., the crowd decreased to 100.

At 9-35 A.M., about 30 or 40 boys came and stood on the road in front of the Sathyagrahis, and began to shout several jais and "Down with Hamilton". They were directed to go back to the foot-path by the police. They receaded saying " [illegible] and [illegible].

At 9-40 A.M., Javare Gowda came and noted down the metal numbers of the Daffedars and men who were standing near the foot-path of the Central Police Station.

At 9-45 A.M., Inspector Mr. N.S.Subbanna left the Station to go to the court. Javare Gowda and Shama Rao asked some of the boys who were on the foot-path to shout " [illegible]". They did accordingly.

At 9-50 A.M., Shambhulingiah, M.Shama Rao and A.V. Chikkarudrappa came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 9-55 A.M., F.E.Ramiah Naidu (Sathyagrahi on 20-2-39) came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went and sat in the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station.

At 10-15 A.M., about 20 - 30 persons stood round him. He went on boasting that he would have gone into the building yester--day at all costs but he was prevented by the police, was also beaten and that the C.I.Ds alone are getting the stones pelted by paid agencies.

At 10-25 A.M., T.Rajam Setty came and informed the

the Sathyagrahis to send back if any people were to come and stand before them and enquired whether they required any tiffin. They declined. Then he went to the vacant site where Ramiah Naidu was sitting. Having stayed there for a few minutes he went away.

At 10-35 A.M., F.E.Ramiah Naidu went away in Irwin Road. The persons who had gathered round him also dispersed.

At 10-50 A.M., T.Narayana Gowda and A.V.Chikkarudrappa came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11 A.M., melon fruit was given to the Sathyagrahis by a boy.

At 11-15 A.M., H.S.Subbe Gowda (Sathyagrahi on 20-2-39) P.V.Krishniah Naidu, came and questioned the Sathyagrahis whether they required any News papers to read. They asked them to send it.

At 11-20 A.M., Shivanna residing in Dodda Vokkalageri brought oranges and gave it to the two Sathyagrahis.

At 11-30 A.M., H.Hanumanthiah brought "Vishwakarnataka" paper and gave it to the Sathyagrahis.

At 11-45 A.M., the two Sathyagrahis got up and tried to get into the building as the warmth of the sun was severe but they were prevented from so doing. They squatted on the pavement near the steps.

At 12 noon, M.B.Chandrasekhariah came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-30 P.M., M.N.Venkatappa came and having given tiffin to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-45 P.M., Narayanasamy of Sathigrama came and having given tiffin to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-50 P.M., M.S.Krishnappa Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 1 P.M., the crowd decreased to 10 persons.

At 1-5 P.M., A.Shivanna (Plantain seller, Devaraj Market) came and asked them if it was a fact that the police had pushed aside with their boots one of the Sathyagrahis. Both the Sathya--grahis did not reply him and so he went away.

At 1-30 P.M., aerated waters were given to the Sathyagrahis.

At 2-10 P.M., M.S.Subbe Gowda (Sathyagrahi on 20-2-39) came and spoke to M.S.Krishnappa Gowda. Both of them went to the lane behind the Central Police Station and stood there smoking for some time.

At 2-15 P.M., M.S.Krishnappa Gowda returned after smoking and sat in his place. Then B.Siddappa Gowda went to the same place and returned after smoking beedi.

At 2-20 P.M., some boy came and gave some sweets to the Sathyagrahis.

At 2-25 P.M., Javare Gowda and S.S.Chakravarthy came and having whispered in the ears of the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 2-40 P.M., tender cocoanuts were given to the Sathyagra--his by a person.

At 3 P.M., two women, apparently relatives of the Sathyagra--his came with oranges and gave them telling " ಎಲಾ ಹುಳೇ ಬ ರಹುದ್ದೇ ನಿರುಸಿ. ಇದನ್ನಾದರೂ ತಿನ್ನಿ.

At 3-15 P.M., T.Narayana Gowda came and spoke to the Sathyagrahis. After taking an orange from them he went away saying that the sun is very severe.

At 3-30 P.M., P.V.Krishniah Naidu and M.B.Chandrasekhariah came and went away after taking some grapes and oranges from the Sathyagrahis.

At 3-40 P.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and S.Narayanasamy came and after speaking to the Sathyagrahis went away.

By 4 P.M., the crowd began to collect.

At 4-20 P.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and asked the Sathyagrahis whether they required anything. They said that they were not in need of anything. Asking the Sathyagrahis to keep the fruits behind the placard, he went and stood in the vacant site opposite to the building.

About 100 boys came and collected in the above vacant site. They went on shouting several jais " Down with Hamilton" and -- 'ಸೆರೆಯರದ ಅನ್ಯಾಯದ ಸಬ್ಬಿಕಿರಿಸಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡೆ. ಸಿನೇಬರಲಿ ಬಗ್ಗಿಲ್ಲ ರಲಿ. ಹ್ಯಾಂಚಲಿಕಿ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿರಿ. " by turns prompted by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao. He distributed sweets to the boys present.

At 4-30 P.M., Magal Gopal Rao (Member of the Mass Awakener's Union) and K.V.Veerappa came and having enquired to the wants of the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 5-15 P.M., K.V.Veerappa came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 5-20 P.M., about 20 boys went round the building carrying a small photo of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru tied to a bamboo and stood to a side near the vacant site opposite to the Central Police Station singing national songs.

At 5-45 P.M., the crowd increased to about 1000 persons.

At 5-50 P.M., again after going round the building the boys stood on foot-path singing national songs.

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went and stood near the vacant site in front of the building.

M.B.Chandrasekhariah and P.V.Krishniah Naidu came and spoke to the Sathyagrahis. B.Siddappa Gowda offered a plantain to Krishniah Naidu. He refused to take it and went away.

M.Shama Rao noted down the metal numbers of Daffedars and Constables who were standing near the Central Police Station.

At 5-55 P.M., the crowd shouted several Jais and " ಸ್ವಾಮಿಭಕ್ತಿ ಜಿಂದಾಬಾದ್ " prompted by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao addressed the crowd thus :-

" This day's Sathyagraha is coming to a close. From tomorrow we will give some rest to the Government. " ನಾವು ಶಿಷ್ಟಾಚಾರ ವಾದವನ್ನು ಕೂಂಡಿಂದ್ ಲಿಯೆ ".(We will advance polite arguments). We will not bring bamboo poles. We will bring only a pot containing chunam & a brush as on the Ist day of our Sathyagraha. You must be peaceful. You should not stand on the road".

The two Sathyagrahis were then garlanded by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao amidst cries of Jais and " ಸ್ವಾಮಿಭಕ್ತಿ ಜಿಂದಾಬಾದ್ ".

At 6 P.M., both the Sathyagrahis left their sitting place taking away the pot containing chunam and proceeded to Subbarayana-

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Subbarayanakere maidan followed by several persons.

The crowd gradually dispersed.

Sd/- A. Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

Mysore)
Dated, 21-2-39)

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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S.B.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Monday, the 20th February 1939 at 6-45 P.M. About 1,500 people had gathered.

The meeting commenced ~~by~~ with the singing of a few lavanies by Mr.Eshwara Rao, brother of Gopala Rao, Lavani Singer, Mysore.

Then Mr.Subbarao Upadhyaya, Convener, Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee, Mysore, spoke thus:-

The sixth day of our Sathyagraha has been successfully completed. The reason for the success is nothing ~~yn~~ but your sympathy and co-operation. We are sure to succeed when we have your support. The Sathyagraha commenced on Wednesday and it will be a ~~xxxx~~ week by next Wednesday. Yet the heart of the Government is not melted. The Sathyagrahies have to sit before the hot Sun from morning eight to evening six. I do not know of what material the mind of the Government is composed. You are witnessing the Sathyagraha every day. The Government must do something to end this. If they do not do it, we are not responsible for the result. Especially the people of Mysore are peace-loving. It is evident from the behaviour in which they conducted themselves at Vidurashwatha. Since the people behaved peacefully no Policeman received injuries. After the entrance of Hamilton into our Government Service something or the other has happened in our State. The difficulties these European Officers give to their subordinates and people are ~~inexpressible~~. They occupy high positions and tease the subordinates. They have not come here for money. Their object is quite different. It is said that 'One Englishman is a gentleman. Two Englishmen are the Bank of England and three Englishmen are the Government of England.' Similarly if four people join together they will build an Empire. You have read of such instances in History. One example is of Robert Clive. General Neil was another. Now the time has come for the British to leave India. Mahatma Gandhi will start agitation in all the Indian States. We must be prepared for his call. It is not possible for us to train ourselves in a day. We must be con-

constantly trying to achieve it. We must learn discipline first. It is the first essential thing. We must obey the words of our leaders. We must consider their orders as the call of God. Then the Government will be forded to bow its head. There is no wonder if the name of Hamilton Building goes away. For this situation, the Government is responsible. Though they have accepted their mistake they do not want to remove the name. Yesterday I accepted my mistake. There is no dishonour if they accept. If the Government leave this Sathyagraha to continue in the same manner we do not know what the future will be. As my friend Mr.Suryanarayana Rao said we may have to start Sathyagraha in the place from where this name came. We may have to sit before the Public Offices at Bangalore. Then the Government cannot stop us. We are progressing little by little,day by day. We are not giving any hard job to the Government. Yet the heart of the Government is not melted. They have not the least sympathy for our Sathyagrahies. We must fight with unity. Then success is certain. After this introductory speech the meeting will commence now. Mr.Jayaram Reddy, a relation of our leader Mr.Chengalaraya Reddy, will now speak. He has come from Bowringpet to see the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. On behalf of you and on behalf of the Committee I welcome him to this place. I now request him to speak a few words.

Mr.Jayaram Reddy, co-brother of Mr.Chengalaraya Reddy, Bowringpet, next spoke thus:-

I came here this morning. I did not come here to speak. But since my friends have requested I have to speak a few words. This Sathyagraha has been arranged by our friends. Since Hamilton entered our State he has given room to many tragedies. I need not repeat them to you again. He boasts himself that he is a brave man. Such a brave man used his weapon on the peaceful mob at Vidurashwatha which lead to the death of 32 people. The same man was the cause for the death of one person during the Nariman Distrubances. Though we requested our Government to remove the name of Hamilton Building they have not done so. When the China-Japan war is going on why should we not send

send our Hamilton there? Then we will have helped China and we would get a name. Our Government also will get name. (Claps). A report in the Press says that American is going to help China. So also why should not our Mysore Government help China? Our Hamilton , who boasts himself a bold man, must be sent to that war. Our Dewan should really be congratulated for having brought such a bold I.G.P. into our State. There is no use from this Government. I am living in the border of Mysore. Just 4-5 miles away the Congress Government is working. While the ryots are happy just a few miles away our ryots ~~ha~~ are suffering, on this side. Our suffering has not come to an end. We are sure to succeed if we continue our Sathyagraha. I can ~~gim~~ ~~you~~ guarantee that we will succeed in a week. There is no doubt about that.(Claps). On the other side of our State if the ryots grow 1 candy of paddy we should grow 8 times the quantity. Then only the taxation of our Government will be justified. If the ryots there get 1 quantity of rain, we should get 8 times more than they get. Because our taxation must be according to the facilities we have. I do not know why the Rain-God has not been ~~fortunate~~ merciful on our Government. There is no justification for the present system of taxation. Our ryots are poor. I have seen persons drinking " Gowe ". Such is the state of our poverty. The ryot pays whatever money he has towards the tax. That money is wasted on buildings. They spend money on tar roads. The Chamundi Hill is lighted during nights. Why should they waste money like this? Can they not walk if they have no tar roads? It is not just. We do not want this Government. The Government must be such a one which should reply to ~~the~~ every ryot. It must ~~may~~ be responsible to me also. I also pay tax to the Government. It is the poor ryot that pays ~~much~~ money for the expenses of these officials. The ryots are the back-bone of the country. These Dasara Processions are held from the money of the ryots. It is the duty of the Government to look to the difficulties of the poor ryots. On the other hand they have suppressed them. It is to uplift them that we assembled here and that is why we have started this Sathyagraha.

The collection of the tax must be spent on the benefits to the ryots. At least half the amount should go to them. It is the duty of the Government to do so. That is why we are fighting for Responsible Government, which will be responsible to the ryots. My brother Mr.Chengalaraya Reddy uses a pet comparison in his lectures. You must have heard it. But I cannot bring the spirit of it. Anyway I will tell you. He says, how can the motor start when there is no petrol? The motor is the Government; petrol is the people. How can the machinery of Government work without the support of the people?(Claps). The Government must answer even to a person who pays a rent of 4 as. You must support the Congress to get such a Government. Our Indian Leaders are going to take lead in all the States. In Rajkot,it is sure,the Responsible Government will come. Then a telephone message will come to our Highness to give Responsible Government here also. (Claps). We are sure to get Responsible Government within a few months. Though we cannot work to the extent that our Indian Leaders work, at least let us try to contribute our might. I hope that you will all support the Congress.

Mr H.C.Dasappa, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

It is already many since I spoke in this maidan. My last speech was when Mr.Divakar had come here. In the meantime we wanted to have Congress lectures. But since our friends had occupied this Maidan we could not hold our meetings. To-day we have joined with them to conduct our meetings also. Formerly we used to meet in Town Hall maidan. But the attention( ) of the Government fell on it. Hence we have to conduct our meetings in this maidan. Before commencing the lecture, it has become the duty of every speaker to refer to this notable person Mr.Hamilton. So also I have to first remember him and then proceed with the lecture. I think it is better for us to speak on different topics instead of speaking about Hamilton Building daily. Let Hamilton Building be the prime object. Then we will proceed with other important matters. So far the Sathyagraha Committee has conducting the Sathyagraha very effici-

efficiently. I have to congratulate them for this. The Government might probably think that this is an agitation started by 3-4 people. Formerly they used to refer all the activities in the State to the Congress. But on this occasion the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee did not take any help from the Congress. The Congress permitted to take action on independent basis. Whatever the reasons may be for this action I may tell you one or two reasons. The first reason is that it is no good if Congress takes the lead. It is already made evident that the Congress does not like the present Government. There was no need to show further that attitude. Hence the Congress wanted the public to show its condemnation and hence let it to the people to take action. I doubt whether the Government will open their eyes even now. We have definitely made it clear in all our meetings that this Government which do not take the public into confidence has no right to exist. In the last session of the Legislative Council the Government accepted its mistake in naming the building. They accepted that they should not name the persons who are the existing servants of the State. They were forced to accept, because there was no other alternative. Even non-Congress members condemned the action of the Government in the Council. When Mr.Hamilton has not earned the goodwill of the people it is not right to give his name to the building. When they have accepted the principle, why should they hesistate to remove it? It is due to nothing but their arrogance and autocracy. Many Governments have accepted defeat. Why should not our Mysore Government also accept? In 1906 a partition was made between Eastern Bengal and Western Bengal. Many leaders, like Surendranath Bannerji, Bepin Chandra Roy andothers, agitated against the Government to bring the two Provinces together. Morley said that it was a settled fact and could not be altered. But the agitation of the people did not stop. They forced the Government to unite the two separatdd provinces. Lord Hardinge brought the two provinces together. When the British Government itself gave value to the words of the public, where is this Mysore Government? It wants to hold its head high. The Government should not do any thing

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anything that lowers the loyalty of the people. It is the duty of the Government to see not to give room for such things. If we allow them to go in their own way, it behaves in a more irresponsible manner. More and more tragedies will happen. The action of the Government is unjust. If they persist, there must be something wrong in the system of Government. There is no use in changing this Government. We must remove this completely and form a new Government in its place. When they thought they had lost the confidence of the people they tried to earn the favour of the British Government. If they give the name of Hamilton, the Resident will be pleased. The Resident will make recommendations to the India Government, and they in turn recommend the Parliament. This is how they earn the favour. Instead of earning the goodwill of the people they earn the support of the British Imperialism. When a bus accident took place at Thalaguppe, our Highness sent Rs.500/- to the bereaved family. Mr.Hamilton sent an appreciative letter to our Highness. If a servant of the State is asked to distribute the amount among the bereaved families, he sends complimentary letter to His Highness. Who is this man to compliment? (Shame, shame). With the help of the British, they rule us in a repressive manner. I do not consider this Hamilton Building affair as a small affair. We are really sad for it. Our friend Mr.Dewan Bahadur Mr.Srinivasa Iyengar, Ex-Council Member, complimented our Dewan that he did it unknowingly. I do not know what compliment this is. He said that nobody thought that it would lead to such grave results, and that he would not have named if he had known it. When the Dewan was asked why he gave the name of Hamilton, he said that he named after him considering the splendid services he had rendered to the State. I do not know what splendid services he had done. Though he accepted that he committed the mistake he does not want to remove the name. That means, he considers the 65 lakhs of people equal to a grass. How long can we sit like this? Have you no manly power? You must awaken. We must be thankful for the Government for having given us

us this opportunity, which has warned us to prepare ourselves for the next fight. We must consider our future. The problem that is now engaging the attention of our leaders is the problem of the Indian States. Mahatma Gandhi will take lead. We cannot allow this autocracy in the States any longer. When we see Democracy throughout the world we are yet having the same kind of Government in our States. It is againt the spirit of times. Gandhiji thought that without Responsible Government in the States it is difficult to get complete freedom for India. Hence they will start the agitation throughout the States. Our States should look to the support of the people and not to the Government which is 6000 miles away. They must consult us if they have any difficulty. They should not give ears to the intermediaries. The British Imperialism will not keep quite. It intrudes in the middle. The same thing happened in Rajkot. The India Government broke the agreement between the Government and the people. But we must fight against them. The Haripura resolution has been now modified. They did not take initiative formerly. Now they will come to the States and take the lead. The agitation will spread throughout India. There will not be any time for the Government. We have given sufficient time to change their policy. Since they have not done so far we are not going to allow any extra-time. When the call comes we should not hesitate to march. We should not prove ourselves traitors. Our land has not given birth to cowards. There will be no time to think. As soon as Mahatmaji gives the call, we must at once fall upon the prey. If we do not take heed, we will have to remain in this bondage for centuries. Then our children and grand-children will mock at us. When the history of the Congress is written Mysore should occupy a prominent position. You should not be afraid to take part in the Congress. If you serve your country you will get sound sleep. A traitor will not get sleep. Our Mother India and Mahatma Gandhi are seeing how Mysoreans would fare in this struggle. Nehru has already said that the struggle has already commenced in Mysore. Subhas Bose asked me when I met him at Wardha, how the mass consciousness

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is in Mysore. I assured him, on your behalf, that Mysore stands in no way inferior to other States Congress. We must prove worthy of ourselves. We are seeing auspicious signs everywhere. I am not referring to Hamilton Building Sathyagraha alone. The Congress has achieved success in the Representative Assembly Bye-Election at Gundlupet. Many of my friends said that we would not succeed in the elections. The majority of the people at Gundlupet are Lingayets. Though we requested them to stand for the elections, they did not agree. They said that they wanted to consult Mr.K.C.Subbanna. Since there was no time for us to waste, we had to hurry up. Then we set up Mr. Venkata Setty on behalf of the Congress. There are about 20 people of his community. There was little chance of his success. People mocked at us that we would not get a single vote from the Lingayet community. Even in Mysore many spoke like that. We held several meetings at Gundlupet. Leaders from Ranebannur and Gadag came to deliver lectures. We could not go to this place in motor cars. The condition of the roads there is very bad, though it is a Frontier country. We had to run up to the meetings places in carts leaving the cars in the middle. But they receive certificates from foreigners that Mysore is a Model State. Mr. Venkata Setty secured 319 votes while his opponent got only 191. In the last election at Terkanambi i.e. 10 years ago, Mr. B.K. Nanjundiah secured only 5 votes. Hence our friends said that he would not get any vote from the Lingayets. But we had a wrong opinion of our Lingayet friends. Many of them know ~~that~~ Congress only through ~~only~~ Gandhi. They are prepared to give their vote only to a Congress candidate, whoever he might be. This is a very auspicious sign for the next struggle. Mr. Rangaramiah will tell you other interesting facts tomorrow. Mr. Jayaram Reddy who has already spoken is the co-brother of Mr. Chengalraya Reddy. He comes from Chittoor, which is on the border of our State. He has come here to witness the Hamilton Building Satyagraha. But we do not go out to see the Congress activities outside. There is no use in abusing the Government. If all the 65 lakhs of people agitate for Responsible Government we are sure to get it tomorrow.

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There are some people among us who are still doubting whether to join the Congress or not. When they request them to join the Congress, they merely say that they have full sympathy with the Congress, but they do not become Members. They are thinking whether the Government will win or the Congress. If the Congress wins they will say that they had already given their support. If the Government wins they say that they never joined the Congress..Such are our people. 'He who is not with us is against us'. Even if they stand in the middle they are against us. When we are about to realise our ambition, they are thinking whether to join the Congress or not. They are really traitors. When the History is going to be written, they will not find their place in that. After their death they become 'antharapisachies'. So this is the right time for you to join the Congress. When Mahathma Gandhi gives his call, you must immediately join him. If all the 28 crores of people in the States and in British India join together, the minority people viz., 1 lakh of Europeans will fly away. I request you therefore to give your wholehearted support. If you follow the foot-steps of Gandhiji our Bharatha Matha will be glad and our country will be happy. You can live as free citizens.

Mr. Subbaraya Upadhyaya again spoke thus:

It is already hightime and I shall not have much to speak. So Mr. M.N.Jois will speak now for sometime.

Mr. M.N.Jois's speech:

I have to make a request.The persons who took the lead in the Satyagraha is now in jail. Today his case came up. Many of you might have been to the Court.The case has been adjourned to tomorrow.Some broad-minded lawyers will plead on behalf of Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. This Section 107 is the one applied to only rowdies.To defend Mr. Rao four big lawyers have come. What a big rowdi should that person be! I have to thank them and you all on behalf of my friends for the interest you have been taking in him. I was not present at the Hamilton Building this evening. I was at the Court. In my absence, some people it appears had thrown brick-bats at the building. I felt very much when I heard the news. I am just now coming from the burial-ground. Since I heard that such a think happened before the building I hurried up to this place to make a request of my friends. If you take to

to violent means, it brings discredit to our organization. We must proceed on peaceful lines. To warn you I have rushed from the house. I heared that the people who threw stones did not throw on the building. But they directed towards the Police Officials. This is very bad. It has really grieved me. One who has got patience will become successful. Patience is Virtue. I request you to follow this principle. You must behave like C.I.Ds and point out such persons who commit such acts. Let us place them before the meeting. I will close my speech. There is Mr. Suryanarayan Rao to announce the change of programme.

Mr. A.N.Suryanarayan Rao's speech

You must maintain discipline as stated by Mr. Jois, so long as we continue this Satyagraha. You should not bring obstruction to peaceful affairs. Otherwise this would be my last meeting with you. From yesterday there has been slight change in our programme. The whole State, nay the whole of India has been looking up for the result of the Satyagraha in Mysore. We are responsible not only to Mysore but also to India. If any one person were to do any wrong it will reflect on the whole Committee and the whole State.I told you in the morning that you should not leave your places whatever might happen to the Satyagrahies. But many of you rushed to the front. You should also think that you are also Satyagrahies and take your seats wherever you remain. Tomorrow nobody should leave his seat. You must maintain perfect peace and order. You can easily catch the person who rushes forward. The same programme continues tomorrow also. (He then introduced the two Satyagrahies of the day to the audience). Tomorrow's Satyagrahies are Krishnappa Gowda and Siddappa Gowda. They are residents of Mysore City. Though outsiders are volunteering to take part in Satyagraha, we have not yet invited them. We are not giving trouble to the Government.I had to go to Viduraswatha for painting work. But Mr. Tagadur detained me here for this very purpose. The Police are also human beings. When on khaki they will get wild. They have also got human sympathy like us. Someone it appears simply tickled some police people on seeing them on khaki. For that he warned that they have to wait only for

two days. Then they will disperse the crowd by lathi charges and firing. When they heard this the crowd rushed forward. I peacefully brought them back. But I ask them to arrest us. It will gain our object. Then we need not go to Hamilton Building. There would be no lectures in this Mahilan. There would be no leaders left outside. The youngmen will themselves take lead. They will carry chunam pots and bamboo poles. At least one of them will see that the pole brushes those letters. Now only 2 Sathyagrahies are taking lead. Then there will be innumerable Sathyagrahies. Nobody can check them. Because the leaders will be in jail Moreover there is unemployment. Instead of taking trouble here, we can be sure of our food in the jail. This is an easy way of getting our food. What have we done to the Government. We have no prejudice against them. We do not blame the Englishmen even. We have to learn many good qualities from them, but not the bad qualities. But we are only objecting the Imperialistic Rule. Though our Dewan has accepted that he has committed a wrong, yet he does not want to remove the board. If all our Sathyagrahies go with poles and chunam pots it will be difficult for the Police to seize the poles. It required twenty Police Officials to seize the pole from two Sathyagrahies. To-morrow the programme will continue, as usual. But my request is that you should all take your seats. You should not stand. Now the meeting will come to an end.

The meeting terminated at 8-30 P.M. amidst cries of Jais.

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Stenographer, District
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A. Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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(on the file of the Ist City Magistrate, Mysore).

This day 2 P.Ws viz., Mr. K.C. Venkataramana Setty - Stenographer, Bangalore City District Police Superin--tendent's Office, amd Mr. M.V.Srini--vasachar, Stenographer, District Police Office, Mysore, were examined. They were cross examined at length by Mr. H.C.Dasappa - Defence Counsel.

The Editors of Vishwakarnataka, Tai-Nadu and Janavani were not present though summonses had been served on them. They had applied for some other date for their attendance.

The case was adjourned to 1-3-39 for further hearing.

Mysore
Dated, 21-2-39

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith, for the information of Government, the marginally noted references received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City and the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District, respectively.

Proceedings of a Public meeting held under the auspices of the 4th Division Cubbonpet Ward Congress Committee at Banappa Park on 15-2-1939.
Proceedings of the Dodballapur Taluk Ryots' Conference held on 14-2-1939.

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Yours sincerely,

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Under the auspices of the Dodballapur Taluk Congress Committee the Dodballapur Taluk Ryot's conference was held on 14-2-1939 at 7 p.m. in the Gandhi Maidan at Dodballapur. Mr. Saligrama Ganapathi Sastry presided. The other prominent members were Messrs. Sirdar Venkataramiah and Kotre Nanjappa of Chitaldrug District.

All the speeches were in kannada.

In welcoming the guests Mr. Bhadranna, the Local Congress Secretary said that it was kind enough on the part of Mr. Ganapathi Sastri to have consented to preside and that the inaugural speech will be delivered by Sirdar Venkataramiah. On behalf of the congress Committee he extended a cordial welcome to the guests.

Sirdar Venkataramaiah spoke to the following effect:-

This Taluk Ryot's conference is held at a time when there is political crisis in the country. The credit of having commenced the political agitation in Native States belongs to Mysore. Mysore was the pioneer State and the other States followed suit. Last year the Congress ministries came into power in seven Provinces. At the same time the struggle in the native States also commenced for the establishment of Responsible Government. Some people thought that we were going hastily. The agitation for responsible government continued and it is still going on. There is an unprecedented political awakening in the masses. They are becoming more and more alive to the real problems. Then the government entered into a treaty with the congress and asked us to stop satygraha and that they would consider the question of giving responsible government. At that time Sirdar Vallabhai Patel came and asked us to stop satyagraha and said that Mysore Government would appoint a committee and that committee would consider the question of giving responsible government. Sirdar Vallabhai told us to give our cooperation to it and participate in its deliberations. The Mysore congress accepted the compromise. There was a breakdown of this sacred trust by the government and there are overwhelming evidences to show this. The congress had sent 7 representatives and one of them gave resignation to the congress membership. The congress working

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Mr. Saligrama Ganapathi Sastri spoke to the following effect:- Dear Brothers and Sisters:- I am glad to have come here today and to deliver ~~you~~ the Presidential Address. I am only a Purohit's son. I know this profession to some extent. Now "రాష్ట్రపు పరిస్థితి నాకు బాగా తెలుసు. అది, రాష్ట్రపు పరిస్థితి చాలా దయనీయమైనది."

We are groping in an ocean of darkness. We, Indians are kicked like a football by the Imperialism of the British" "కాబట్టి మేము దిక్కుతోచక, ఇబ్బందులలో కొట్టుమిట్టాడుతున్నాము". We have no food and clothing. We are oppressed with many difficulties. We must begin the revolution. In order to remove slavery we must be courageous; if we are to be courageous we must be united; if we are to be united we must be educated; if we are to be educated we must join the congress. There is a gulf of difference between the City and village though the sun and moon are the same; the air that we breath is the same and the water we drink is the same; but you have not here (in villages) the dome lights; ~~and~~ the parks in villages are only dream parks. You have only "కనీసం పనులు మాత్రమే" in villages. Food is regarded in Upanishads as equal to God. But ~~ka~~ that food is snatched away in the shape of taxes. (ఆధ్యాత్మికమైన ఇదుంటన్ను కోల్పోతున్నాము). We were a very civilised race and we were very bold. Now, నాలుగు వేల సంవత్సరాల క్రితం ఆర్యులు బంధువులు మరియు తెగలుగా ఏర్పడి నివసించారు. వారు చాలా నాగరికులు

How long are we to go on like this? We have one fear and as soon as we clear this we become free people. The sons of agriculturists are leaving their profession. We must love our villages and make them happier. Our ryot is indebted. To him the problem of debt is acting like a cancer which is eating the very vitals of life. He is paying interest and he has to pay taxes. He has no education. The country's well being depends upon the position of the healthy peasantry. Hitler, the German ~~Chancellor~~ Dictator, is also of the same opinion. A happy ryot is a desideratum in India. He must be strong and healthy and should bring forth healthy progeny. The children of the villagers must be educated. Then the country will prosper. With the passing of time there is bound to be some

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Resolutions.

1. That this conference expresses its joy over the re-election of Subas Chandra Bose as President of the Indian National Congress.

2. That Responsible Government must be established in Mysore very soon. (Mr. Bhadranna said that this was the last request that the congress is making and if the Government refuse to grant Responsible Government the ~~this~~ congress will have recourse to satyagraha).

3. That this conference praises the work achieve of Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao for his starting of satyagraha in connection with the Hamilton building.

4. That all the kannada speaking parts of various provinces must be united and that there must be one linguistic area.

5. That the name which is given to Central Police Station in Mysore as Hamilton buildings is wrong in principle and hence this must be removed. Mr. Ganapathi Sastri said that " ". but the names of the people like C. F. Andrews be given for which none has any objection.

6. That the Government has committed a breach of the pact in not allowing the congress to send one of their representatives in the place of Mr. Bhoopalam Chendrasekhara Setty. This conference sends a resolution to the A.M.C.C. to the effect that they are at liberty to begin agitation for Responsible Government.

7. That in the interest of the country prohibition be effected in all parts of the State.

8. That the Agriculturists debt relief act be passed in Mysore on the same lines as that of Bhavanagar State.

9. An account of the failure of rain, a remission be shown after careful examination of lands.

10. That the Rs. 30000 which the Government has given to Y.M.C.A. Rural development Centre is not at all beneficial to any ryot and that the same sum be given to rural reconstruction work.

11. That educational and medical facilities be given; that cattle grazing tax be cancelled; that drinking water facilities be given

Proceedings of a public meeting held under the auspices of the IVth Division Cubbonpet Ward Congress Committee in Banappa Park on 15/2/39, the subject of the meeting being "Future Struggle".

The meeting commenced at about 6.30 p.m. with the singing of national songs. About 500 people attended. Prominent among them were Messrs. K.T.Bhasyam, Parameswaran Pillay of Travancore, K.Changalaraya Reddy, M.C.Thimma Reddy, N... Chandur, Ramalal Thivari, H.V.Subramanyam & a few others.

Mr.Ramalal Thivari proposed Mr.K.T.Bhasyam to preside over the occasion.

Mr. Bhasyam in his opening speech said :- The proceedings of this day are very important even though the assembly is very small. Today's situation can be compared to that of September or October 1937. We expressed in the same place several times that we are all loyal subjects of His Highness fighting for the freedom of the State and that it was not our intention to create any disturbance or revolution. We also expressed that there is country-wide discontentment owing to the high-handed policy of Government. We fought to safeguard our civil liberties. We asserted our rights when the Magistrates promulgated prohibitory orders. The discontentment increased and we appealed to government to withdraw all prohibitory orders, but it never cared to hear us. It enforced measures to suppress our movement. The continued & increased repression marred the fair name of His Highness. You know that poor Gundappa succumbed in the same place by police firing. You know the high-handedness & harassment of the Police. Government came to a settlement through Patel & Acharya Kripalini.. Our fight was to safeguard freedom of speech, assembly & person. We had no prejudice against any government officer. Government took a different attitude & was compelled to negotiate for a settlement. At the time of settlement there were 4 congress workers in the Reforms Committee. Sirdar advised us to treat those 4 members as congress nominees and send the remaining 3 representatives.

We agreed to his proposals. So Mr. Chandrasekhara Setty continued in the Committee as a Congress nominee. Government wants to take advantage of Mr.Chandrasekhara Setty's foolishness and has refused to accept our porposal to appoint Mr.Siddiya in Mr.Setty's place. It is making all poxssible attempts to wreck the congress. It agreed to withdraw all prohibitory and deportation orders. Till this day deportation orders are in force. At the time of Agreement we were in jail. After our release we demanded for the cancellation of deportation orders.. Government refused to fulfil our demands. Our two friends are still outside Mysore State. This clearly shows that government has not kept up to the terms of Agreement. Punishments meted out to Shanbhogues & Patels are not yet cancelled. Mr. Siddiya was ~~taken~~ not taken to the Reforms Committee in place of Mr.Setty. Government does not want to respect the Settlement. It has determined to work against the wishes of people. People demanded that the name of Mr.Hamilton should be erased on the Police buildings at Mysore. Mr. Hamilton became famous during Harijan disturbances. He is the hero who stated that he will not be satisfied till he sees 50 dorpses on the ground. We cannot understand the mentality of government doing things against the wishes of people. They could as well have named Hamilton Buildings as "Krishnaraja Bhavan" or "Narasimharaja Bhavan" or "Police Bhavan". Why should they prefer the name of Mr.Hamilton against peoples will? It has taken a challenge not to remove that name. It feels proud of Mr.Hamilton. All these shows how it is respecting peoples voice. In Madras, Bombay & other provinces Britishers were in power & they used to safeguard their interests keeping Indians in bondage. Indians had to suffer innumerable troubles. Our officers are born & ~~xxxx~~ brought up in Mysore and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ it is regrettable to trouble us & come in the way of our progress. They should know that their safety does not depend on Europeans. They will not be benefitted by compelling us to resort to a revolt. They have got bitter experience of disturbances. We are also prepared to face government if they want to suppress us. We have to congratulate government in one respect. Mysore would not have become famous but for repression. We get an opportunity to show our strength.

Our demand for responsible govern ent was legitimate. His Highness is a god-like person. He will never refuse to fulfil our prayer. I do not believe government officers who express that His Highness is not for granting responsible government. Our desire is not to remove any departmental officer. They will enjoy the same power & get the same salaries. Only the Dewan and Councillors will be elected. The present Dewan & Councillors can also contest in the elections and if they are popular & sincere in their cuase towards the public, they are sure to succeed. The Dewan states that no one is competent among the public to occupy his position. God Bramha has not created ~~only~~ Sir Mirza ~~xxx~~ as the only competent Dewan to rule the State for ever. Hundreds of Dewans came and gone. Mysore has become famous throughout the world. It is disgrace and an utter lie to state that there is no competent person to occupy the place of Dewan. The topic of today's meeting is "future struggle". The struggle may be started at any moment. It will be non-violent. We are sure to ~~succeed~~ succeed. We have no army, but we can conquer countries, defeat armies and kings after kings. No army can defeat us. If the police wants to arrest this gathering & send to jail, there is no accommodation in jails to keep us. It is my prayer to government not to give room for any calamity, satisfy public demands and establish peace in the State. Now I request Mr. Veeranna Gowda to address. Then Mr. Parameswaran Pillay will speak. He is a retired Judge of Travancore High Court and is one of the leaders of the Travancore State Congress. He will speak to you shortly."

Then Mr. H.K. Veeranna Gowda addressed. He said :- The subject announced in the handbills is "Present struggle" (Mr. Bhasyam said that it is not "Present stuggle" but "Future Struggle"). It is immaterial whether it is past, present or future struggle. I understand that our stuggle commenced three days back. The struggle in British India since 50 years

is to drive out Britisners from India who built an Empire in our country and drained our wealth. Our struggle is not with foreigners, but with our own people. The struggle is with people whom we have appointed as our servants. Government is maintained by people. Money got from us is paid towards officers salaries. Sir Bannerji and Mr. Madhava Rao in their speeches have expressed that officers are servants of the public. Officers are paid thousands of rupees to look after the welfare of people. It is no dishonour if we call govt. officers as our servants. It is a surprise that we have to carry on a battle against our own servants. We gave them powers. We maintain them. We have shared the heavy burden of taxes. The revenue of the state is increased to 4 crores from 1½ crores of rupees. This is all our money. It is spent to beautify a few towns. All facilities are afforded to big buildings that pay tax of Rs. 40, in towns. A ryot who pays Rs. 400 assessment for his lands, his requirements are neglected. Government pleads its inability to provide funds for education. There are 75 literates inculding B.As., M.As. and people who know only to write their names. Nanje Gowda who writes his name as "Naje Gowda" is also considered a literate. Government does everything for a show, and to get appreciation from outsiders. They are experts in this art. They call sincere workers for the cause of the country as insolvents, mischief mongers and people with no status in life. Officers get thousands of rupees, whereas we live hand to mouth life. Dewan gets Rs. 5000 a month. In addition to this, he gets Rs. 5000 as T.A., Car allowance &c. He is provided with beautiful motor cars and two palaces, one at Bangalore & the other at Mysore. He leads a princely life. Hundreds of people have gathered in this place. Have any of you saved Rs. 5000 during your whole life? Consider how many lakhs of rupees the Dewan has received since 14 years. He commands all luxuries. He will not easily forego them. Our struggle is not only with Mysore government but also with British Imperialism. Britishers have ruled this country for over 100 years. They considered Indians unfit for important positions. They realised our greatness after the congress came to power. They have lost their hold over the British provinces.

Now they want to strengthen their position by setting up states people against their rulers. This is secret for struggle in Travancore, Hyderabad, Rajkot, Jaipur & other states. The British Government has strictly warned the princes not to favour the congress & take all measures to suppress it. Therefore our struggle is with the British. Mr. Bhasyam has explained the attitude of our government. It is voluntarily compelling us to take up the fight. You might have seen a kind of thorn. If we remove it from one place it will prick in another place. It is called "Mirza thorn" or "Gandhi thorn". So also the policy of our government. It wants us somehow to wage war. It is testing our strength from time to time. It effected a pact while we were in jail. It asked us to furnish 5 - 6 names for selecting 3 members for the Reforms Committee. We declined to do so. Mr.Gundappa Gowda accompanied Sirdar Patel when he (Sirdar) took the draft Settlement to the Dewan for acceptance. The Dewan hesitated to sign the agreement. Mr.Gundappa brought to the notice of Sirdar the attitude of the Dewan, for which Sirdar in order to pacify the situation said that the Dewan wants to consider with his colleagues & then sign it. The Dewan wanted a few days to consider the draft agreement for which Sirdar said that he will be in Bombay till the 16th of that month & he can intimate his decision to him as well as to the local congress leaders. After a few days a communique was issued. It included neither the names of Sirdar Patel & Acharya Kripalini nor the wordings or terms contained in our draft agreement. Since it has committed blunders after blunders. It disregarded the terms of settlement. It has stated a bundle of lies against the congress. Recently security proceedings have been instituted against Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. He was sent to jail as he declined to furnish sureties. We have to condemn the slavish mentality of the Dewan in saying that he takes sole responsibility for naming police buildings at Mysore. I do not want to prolong my speech as there are several others to address. I have already said that our struggle started 3 days back. Previous strugglescommenced in Bangalore City and ended in Bangalore City successfully. Days for making

r hearing lengthy speeches have passed. The time for concerted action has come. Hope you ~~xxx~~ will all help us unflinchingly in all possible ways.".

Then Mr. U.H.Hanumanthappa addressed. He said :-
The congress is carrying on its fight in British India since 50 years. You know how it started in Mysore. The discontentment among masses started with the speech of Devan at Thippagondanahalli. A War Council was formed with Mr.Bhagyan as Dictator. Mr. Rajagoapalachar spoke very low of the congress in the Representative Assembly. You know the struggle for 1½ years throughout the State. Congress got enormous strength & you know its present powerful position. It is not possible for anyone to put down ~~xxxx~~ its agitation. Government is solely responsible for the present situation. It is its duty to fulfil public demands. I will quote an illustration. The Municipal Council decided to give a site for the Congress building at an upset price. The resolution was sent to government and did not accept it as it involves in a loss of few thousands of rupees. It has given extensive areas for several institutions, but was not kind enough to give a small site for the congress. In Bombay, Madras & other places congress has got its own buildings. Government have ~~xxxxxxx~~ given all facilities. I appeal to government to change its present policy and consider things with a broad outlook."

Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy next spoke. He said :-
Mr. Bhasyam spoke about the future struggle with great reluctance. I believe ~~xxx~~ that the struggle may commence very early. We put forth our demand for responsible government in the R.A. & L.C. and the Dewan president replied that Responsible government is only a dream and the people of Mysore are satisified with the present form of constitution. Public meetings were held ~~xx xxxxxx xxxxdxxxxxx~~ everywhere to express our demand for responsible government. Government resorted to repressive measures. It rejoiced at the Haripura resolution

relating to ~~xxx~~ Indian States. It started its mischief with the appointing of members for the ReformsCommittee. We decided to serve on the Committee as congress nominees. The next morning government issued an order on the settlement brought about through the efforts of Sirdar and Acharya. The names of persons responsible for the pact were omitted in the order. ~~It~~ Several attempts were made to create difference of opinion among congress workers, and also to win over a few persons to their side. Mr. H.C.Dasappa & Mr.Bhasyam were invited. They could not be influenced. Mr. Veeranna Gowda explained the future stru gle with two viewpoints. Our fight is with the British first & then with our government. Our government can be called a "show man's government" or "government by advertisement" or "Government by Certificates". It invites foreigners, furnishes them with false information & gets certificates. It feels proud of having started sugar, paper, silk and several other industries. It has invested lakhs of rupees. ~~Economics~~ Only a few indutries are paying & others are working with loss. You know the working of Bhadravathi Irown works. Every year crores of rupees worth of gold is taken away from our land. Government which boasts of a few industries could as well have undertaken to work Gold Mines and ~~earn~~ enjoy lakhs of rupees profit. Gold Mines are given as a charity to foreigners. If it had the courage and diplomacy to run them, public would have subscribed any amount of money, and the profits derived spent for the uplift of masses. There are 6% literates in our state. Our Students Federation inaugurated "Mass Literacy Campaign". Rajagopalachariar, Premier of Madras sent a message wishing the campaign every success. When they asked for a message from our Dewan, he has replied through his Private Secretary that their prayer cannot be fulfilled. Such government should come to an end, and responsible government should be established immediately. Our fight is with the British as well as with our government. There is British Resident watching over us & His Highness like a serpent. Britishers are employed

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as Heads of Departments. There is Sir Reilly for Judicial Department; Mr.Hamilton, for Police Department; Mr. Macalphine as D.P.I.; Mr. Forbes for Electrical Dept.; Principals of Colleges at Bangalore & Mysore are Englishmen. This is all due to the influence of British Government. There was a Bus accident near Talaguppe and His Highness sent a donation of Rs. 500. Mr. Hamilton has sent his appreciation to His Highness through the Private Secretary. He is after all a servant of His Highness and is not entitled to send his appreciation. This clearly shows the predominance of foreigners. British Government wanted to appoint an European Dewan when Sir Mirza became Dewan. When Great War broke out, His Highness gave 60 lakhs of rupees towards War Fund out of his private funds in order to protect British democracy. During the last Sessions of the Representative Assembly our Dewan has expressed that he has placed the State & all its resources at the disposal of the British. Country does not belong to him. He has done such a work as even His Highness could not. We condemn his action. All these shows that our government is entirely depending on the British. We are paying lakhs of rupees as subsidy since several years. We had great hope that it would be abolished and C & M.Station retroceded to Mysore during the visit of Viceroy. Congress decided not to participate or arrange demonstrations with a view that we may loose the benefit anticipated by the Viceroy. On that day I was coming in this road early in the morning with my white dress. A Police Constable on duty told me that lakhs of rupees are spent for a day's visit of the Viceroy and congress ought to have protested against it. He also expressed to me that Police Constables are undergoing many difficulties. I pacified him & went away. I congratulate on this occasion the members of the Mass Awakeners Union for their bold step in organising demonstrations on that day. They were justified in their action. His Highness who is revered and loved by 65 lakhs of people, had to receive a foreigner coming from thousands of miles away, with all honours. Viceroy remained for 3 days, enjoyed entertainment, spent his time luxuriously at Kakanakote & went away. Government has to incur lakhs of rupees expenditure for his three day's stay.

Our struggle should be with the British first. Mysore Government is inviting us for a fight. We ~~should~~ received letters from the Reforms Committee today to intimate whether we attend its future sessions so that it can make other arrangements. Struggle with the government is approaching. We must show our sacrifice in all ways, & suffer all difficulties. Everyone irrespective of caste, creed, age or sex should join the fight. Students should also take part. They should come out of their schools and colleges & become leaders. They should not fail to serve the country when their ~~xxx~~ services are quite essential. Even Shanbhogues, Patels and government officers should take part. Everyone should equip ~~xxx~~ himself to join the coming battle. We are sure to get freedom by the end of June 1940."

Next Mr.H.C.Thimma Reddy spoke. He said :- Mysore Congress fought two battles & came out successful in both. The time has come for a third battle. We did not invite Sirdar Patel for a Settlement. If we had interfered government would have agreed for 12 conditions instaead of 7. Mysore was the first State in which the Indian National Congress interfered. Government violated all ~~xxx~~ conditions of the Settlement. Our success was entirely due to the blunders committed by government and its ignorance. The question of States has become an all India issue. We hear that a Native Prince was removed from his gadi as he sympathised with the congress. Nabha Maharaja was dethroned as he was an intimate friend of Pandit Motilal Nehru. Gandhiji has administered a warning to the British Government. The present situation in India is very favourable for Indian States to achieve Responsible governments. Indian princes are slaves of the Political Department. They have to obey the British Govt. implicitly. This is the reason for many Englishmen occupying high positions in Native states. During Sir M.Visweswarayya's regime there was not even a single Englishmen or other foreigners

in Mysore Service. Today there are foreigners in almost all departments. The Congress has determined to bring this White Bureaucracy to an end. There is no difference of opinion for this purpose among the congress ranks. It is immaterial whether Dr.Pattabi is elected as congress president or Mr. Subhas Bose. We must avail the present best opportunity to achieve our goal. Hope that everyone will render his utmost help to the congress".

Next Mr. Bhasyam requested Mr. Paramesvaran Pillay to address. He said :- Friends :- It is our good fortune today that we have in our midst a talented and erudite son of Travancore Shri. Paramesvaran Pillay. He is a distinguished protagonist in the cause that he has served people in their popular cause for the establishment of responsible government for nearly 20 years and equally with great ability served the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore as Judge of the High Court of Trivendrum for 6 years. We have heard of his reputation. I wanted to make his acquaintance during my visit to Travancore by the end of this month. It is my good fortune & yours that he is midst us today. I request Mr. Paramesvaran Pillay to address us."

Mr. Paramesvaran Pillay spoke next in English and Mr.Changalaraya Reddy translated his speech into Kannada. Mr. Paramesvaran Pillay said :- Gentlemen: Though I speak a language which is spoken by people on the other side of south-western border of Mysore, I am sorry that I cannot speak to you in your own language. Therefore you will be good enough to hear me for a few minutes when I speak in English. My friend Mr.K.T.Bhasyam told you that I have passed 60 years of age. I am glad that he gave you that information because you cannot expect from an old man of 60 anything revolutionary or violent. I came to Mysore not for the purpose of taking part in political

agitation or a political speech. I had heard from friends who visited Travancore of Mysore's natural beauty, its great buildings, great palaces, parks and fountains. I had therefore entertained a desire from a long time to visit this ancient country. Therefore when I got an invitation from the Secretary of the Rural Workers Conference I thought it a best opportunity to visit Mysore. I stayed for 3 days in Kengeri attending to lectures relating to sanitation and rural reconstruction programmes and took part in the discussions. Yesterday I came to Bangalore. I spent my time in visiting your excellent buildings such as Hospitals, Technical Institute &c. as well as your industrial enterprises. The beauty of the surroundings and lay out of Gardens attracted me very much. I notice that they are not only external beauty but also internal beauty. Excellent arrangements are made for the treatment of patients not only suffering from ordinary diseases but also from mental diseases. Mysore is famous for the industries which the government have started on its own initiative. I have heard that a large portion of the state revenue is derived from these industries. I visited some of the institutes which are of recent growth. The conditions of the poor, labourers and fallen widows are also improved. I saw Shanthi Sadan, Seva Sadan & many other Sadans and most of them are maintained with public subscription. I know how difficult it is to collect subscriptions. I admire the charitableness of people of Bangalore City.

Now let me say a word about political situation not only in Mysore but in many of the Indian States from Kashmir in the North to Travancore in the South, we see a political awakening among masses. New political aspirations and desires are developing in the minds of people. In the neighbouring British provinces where people are not better to us either in intelligence or ability are enjoying self government and so we only ask for ourselves

if these neighbours of ours can enjoy the great benefit of self government, why not we? Therefore the agitation is started for getting constitutional reforms. I learn from your leaders that they will not be satisfied nothing less than full responsible government. I congratulate them on this determination (Hear,hear). It is a wellknown fact that we will get a government that we deserve. We must make fit ourselves for responsible govt. and we are bound to get responsible government. I therefore believe that you deserve full responsible government. But what struck me most is the attitude of the Mysore Government is taking towards this movement. All evidence before me show that they never desire to suppress this movement. They have shown a desire to appreciate your aspirations on these matters and satisfy them as far as they can. They appointed an Enquiry Committee with a retired High Court Judge as president to enquire into Vidurawatha shooting. They came to a compromise and recognised the congress organisation. They did not hesitate to appoint a Reforms Committee to enquire into your grievances. We cannot expect or anticipate what the report of the Committee will be and your opinion on it. I do not want to say anything about it. If such a thing had taken place in my country I would not have rejected, but considered and examined it and discussed all pros and cons. I am satisfied the government have recognised the principle of responsible government. Even the Travancore State Congress merely stated that they wanted the government to take immediate steps for responsible government and not to grant responsible government immediately. But unfortunately Travancore Government did not take notice of it. If they had acted in the manner and with sympathy which the Mysore Government have shown in this place, they would have found an honourable place & I would have joined with it. From the beginning they took a hostile attitude not to help the movement or come to a settlement, but to suppress it. I tried my level best to induce the Government to take a conciliatory attitude. When they released political prisoners after three months I expected some conciliatory policy from them. But subsequent events show

that they have no intention for a conciliatory policy. They are following a vindictive policy. They did not take any step to inquire into shootting cases which took place not in one place but in 8 places. They took no steps to inquire into the grievances of people. There was no change of heart and showed any signs of understanding the aspirations of people. On the otherside they disqualified all members of the Legislative Council who went to prison. Not only that they disqualified even the members of the Bar. When I thought there was nothing left for me to consider I determined to suffer with my suffering people. That is why I joined the State Congress. Though I do not understand your speeches I asked Mr. Bhasyam the object of this meeting and he told me that you are on the eve of declaration of War for responsible government. In Travancore the State Congress is one the eve to declare war. They have also given an utimatum to government. But I would remind you as well as my friends in Travancore to one thing. Our w is not with weapons and explosives. Our weapons are Truth and Non violence. Truth is a very important thing. We should understand the view points of the other side. We should not atrribute motives to our opponents. We should not expose their weaknesses. We should not spread false stories about them. We must always be plain and true. Similarly Non violence. It is a very difficult thing I find to practice. In Travancore during the last Civil Disobedience period I am sorry to say that much violence was used by masses. It has been said that violence has been provoked by the audience on government officers. There may be some truth in that. But you should expect provocation from government side. Evan in such provocations we should observe non violence. If the masses cannot observe non violence they should not attend meetings or take part in this movement. They will not be respecting their leaders. If the principle of non violence and truth has become firmly fixed in your minds you can win your cause easily and also help your leaders. I say this from actual experience in Travancore. It is easy to speak of non violence

but it is very difficult to observe. When masses find that they are ill treated or beaten or charged with lathies they should not become excited. If they are excited, it gives justification for the government to use further force. Therefore you must not get excited when you see others are beaten by lathies. If you cannot do this, it is better for you to sit in your homes and others will fight for you. I wish you all success in your fight."

In conclusion Mr.Bhagyam said that the Mysore Congress is not on the eve of declaration of war, but the government is voluntarily inviting it for a war.

Mr.Ramalal Thivari proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

The meeting terminated with "Vande Mataram" at about 9 p.m.

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Dear Sir,

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SPECIAL REPORT.

Hamilton Building Sathyagraha - IXth Day - 23-2-39.

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At 8 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya and A.N.Suryanarayana Rao - Convener and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee respectively, came to the Subbarayanakere Maidan with Thimme Gowda (aged 40 years, S/O Kenge Gowda, Vokkaligar, Agriculturist, Maniyur Village, Nagamangala Taluk), C.Linge Gowda (aged 45 years, S/O Anke Gowda Betla leaf seller, Vokkaligar, Channapatna) and also some others. Thimme Gowda was holding a pot containing chunam and a brush in his hand and C.Linge Gowda - a Congress flag. M.Shama Rao carried the Golaka and a placard with the names of the Sathyagrahis written on it.

About 30 persons had assembled in the maidan.

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya spoke thus :-

" The offering of Sathyagraha for the IXth Day will commence now. There is no restriction as to the persons who have to offer - Sathyagraha. Both young and old can offer Sathyagraha. Even a person who is aged 99 years may come forward and offer Sathyagraha. Every one intending to offer Sathyagraha must have the love towards his country. The two persons who offer Sathyagraha this day are the Yajamans. Of them, one is a native of Nagamangala Taluk. He is the President for the Nelligere Hobli Congress Committee. He is a father of 9 children. It is really surprising to see that such a man has come over here to offer Sathyagraha leaving his wife and children. The other is a native of Channapatna. He is a Member of the Channapatna Taluk Congress Committee. He is also an elderly man. Their names are Thimme Gowda and C.Linge Gowda. It is - commendable that the two Sathyagrahis have come over here to offer Sathyagraha".

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao next spoke :-

" I was not present yesterday when the names of these two Sathyagrahis were announced. I feel very glad to hear the names of the Sathyagrahis of to-day. We have not launched this Sathya--graha on account of the anger we have got on the Dewan. We have

have launched this Sathyagraha to better the future prospects of our children. It gives me great pleasure to see here a father of 9 children who has come prepared to offer the Sathyagraha. The Dewan need not give us the Responsible Government and the Maharaja need not grant us the same. It is the people that will help us to achieve it. People from various parts of the State have come over here to offer Sathyagraha. They have all come on account of the love they have got towards their mother-land. They are also patriots".

The tri-coloured badges were then worn on the left arm of the Sathyagrahis and were garlanded.

At 8-10 A.M., the procession started followed by about 30 persons mostly boys. Thimme Gowda carried the pot containing chunam and a brush and C.Linge Gowda carried nothing. A small boy carried the flag

The procession passed through Narayana Sastry road, Rama Vilas Agrahar, Santhepet, Lansdowne Bazaar, Makkaji Chowk, Dodpet and arrived near the Police Station Square at 8-40 A.M. On the way they shouted several jais " Down with Hamilton" " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಬಹ್ಲಂಗಿಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿನಂಗಿ ಇಟ್ಟರೆ ", prompted by M.Shama Rao.

On the vacant sites and on the foot-paths in front of the Central Police Station 1,000 persons mostly boys had assembled by the time the two Sathyagrahis arrived followed by about 50 persons. Prominent among them were

1. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, Painter and Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
2. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Convener of the Sathyagraha Committee.
3. Javare Gowda of Pala Agrahar, Nagamangala Taluk.
4. Eswar Rao (brother of Vishkanta Rao - Lavani singer).
5. Patnam Srinivasa Setty, Land holder, Dodpet, Mysore.
6. A.Shivanna, Plantain seller, Devaraj Market, Mysore.
7. S.S.Chakravarthy, Sathyagrahi on 18-2-1939.
8. M.S. Srikanta Gowda -do- 22-2-1939.
9. F.E.Ramiah Naidu -do-
10. C.S.Narayana Swamy -do- 22-2-1939.
11. Mr. S.Rangaramiah, Advocate, Mysore.
12. M.B.Chandrasekhariah } Sathyagrahis on 19-2-1939.
13. P.V.Krishniah Naidu }
14. A.Ramanna, Congress worker, unemployed, Mysore.
15. T.S.Subbanna, Secretary, Mass Awakener's Union, Mysore.
16. Shambhulingiah, Member -do-
17. K.V.Veerappa, Member of the Sathyagraha Committee.
18. G.Janardhana Naidu, Cloth Merchant, Dodpet, Mysore.
19. K.Jeevanna Rao, Congress worker, & Stationery shop keeper, Mysore.

Adequate police force had been kept in reserve in the Central Police Station.

not be allowed to do so and that if they forcibly enter, they will be forcibly sent back. Though the two Sathyagrahis struggled hard to enter, they were not allowed to enter into the building.

Then the two Sathyagrahis squatted facing the building on the foot-path below the foot-steps keeping the pot and the brush by their side.

Then B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya addressed the crowd who were standing on the vacant sites and foot-path thus :-

" The two Sathyagrahis with the object of entering into the building to white wash the name "Hamilton Building" went as far as the steps of the building and they were prevented there by the police The police say that they cannot allow them to enter into the build--ing as requested by the Sathyagrahis. Though we have got every right to get into the building the police have obstructed. We do not want to enter into the building by force. It is not our principle to enter the building by force. The police have obstruc--ted the Sathyagrahis by force. One day or the other, we will get into the building and remove the name "Hamilton Building". You all shout jais.

There were shouts of jais and "Down with Hamilton" and " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಹಿಸರಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ " by the crowd prompted by B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya.

Then about 500 boys rushed into the road from the foot-path and vacant sites and stood in front of the Sathyagrahis shouting several jais " Down with Hamilton" and " ಹ್ಯಾಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಹಿಸರಿಗೆ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ ". They were asked by the police to keep back. As they were stubborn and causing confusion by running about from place to place shouting, the police went and brought them under control and made them recede to the foot-path and vacant sites.

While the police were thus engaged, some among the crowd shouted " ಕೆಲಂ ಳ ಳ ರ ಳ್ಳ ". B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the crowd not to shout in that manner, that the police are discharging their duties and as such they should not be decried and that the police will have to discharge their duties and serve the public even when Responsible Government is achieved.

Then the two Sathyagrahis who were facing the building turned

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turned round and sat facing west.

At 8-50 A.M., Advocate Mr. S.Rangaramiah came and having stood by the Sathyagrahis for a while came to the verandah of the building in the ground floor. Having stood there for a few minutes and said that he had not seen the building at any time before, went away, after a talk with the two Sathyagrahis.

The placard having the names of the Sathyagrahis was brought and kept in front of them.

At 9-10 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and having given tiffin to the two Sathyagrahis went away.

By 9-15 A.M., the crowd decreased to 100 persons.

At 9-35 A.M., A.N.Suryanarayana Rao who was standing on the vacant site opposite to the building sent a slip of paper to Thimme Gowda (Sathyagrahi) through F.E.Ramiah Naidu. After looking into it, Thimme Gowda replied that he would act accordingly. F.E.Ramiah Naidu having taken back the slip of paper from him went and stood by the side of A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

At 9-40 A.M., Thimme Gowda suddenly got up taking the pot containing chunam and the brush attempted to get into the building. He was prevented by the police who were present on the steps. Then he ~~suddenly~~ turned back and squatted in the very place where he was sitting.

Having seen this, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao went away smiling.

At 9-50 A.M., M.Shama Rao came and having whispered in the ears of the Sathyagrahis went away.

By 10 A.M., the crowd decreased to about 20 persons.

Thimme Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 10-25 A.M., B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya came and asked the Sathyagrahis whether they required any tiffin. They declined.

At 10-50 A.M., C.Linge Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 11-20 A.M., aerated waters were brought and given to the Sathyagrahis.

At 11-25 A.M., T.Rajam Setty came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 11-30 A.M., M.Shama Rao came and having given tiffin to

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to the Sathyagrahis, went away.

At 12-15 P.M., M.Shama Rao came and gave aerated water to the Sathyagrahis.

The crowd decreased to 5 persons.

At 12-45 P.M., A.Ramanna came and having given some fruits to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-50 P.M., K.V.Veerappa came and having enquired to the wants of the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 12-55 P.M., plantains were given to the Sathyagrahis by some person.

At 1-5 P.M., A.Shivanna came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 1-20 P.M., C.Linge Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 2-30 P.M., Thimme Gowda went to ease himself and returned.

At 2-40 P.M., M.Shama Rao came and having given aerated water to the Sathyagrahis went away.

At 3-25 P.M., C.S.Narayanaswamy came and having taken away an orange from the Sathyagrahi went away.

At 3-45 P.M., M.S.Srikanta Gowda (Sathyagrahi) came and having given water to the Sathyagrahis to drink, he went away.

At 3-55 P.M., Thimme Gowda went to ease himself and ~~went away.~~ returned

At 4-5 P.M., Javare Gowda and S.S.Chakravarthy came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

There was no crowd in the afternoon.

At 4-30 P.M., there were only 15 persons.

At 4-50 P.M., Shama Rao came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away. By 5-15 P.M., about 200 persons collected.

At 5-15 P.M., K.V.Veerappa came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went away.

A.N.Suryanarayana Rao came and having spoken to the Sathyagrahis went and stood on the vacant site opposite to the building.

Javare Gowda standing on the vacant site opposite to the

the building read from "Karnataka Bandhu" and "Prajavani" matters published therein regarding the Sathyagraha. A.N.Suryanarayana Rao was standing by his side.

By 5-45 P.M., about 1000 persons collected.

At 5-45 P.M., Thimme Gowda suddenly got up and attempted to get into the building with the pot containing Chunam and the brush. He was prevented by the police present at the steps. So he went back and squatted in the very place where he was sitting.

Two persons came in a Tonga wearing Khaddar and holding a Congress Flag. They got down and having spoken to A.N.Suryanara--yana Rao went away in the same tonga to the "Sathyagraha Office" i.e., house of M.N.Jois, behind Seetha Vilas Agrahar. It is learnt that one is of Belagaum and another of Bangalore and that they - arrived by Arasikere Shuttle train this afternoon. Their names were not disclosed.

B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya spoke to the crowd thus :-
" This day's Sathyagraha has come to a close in a glorious manner. We will take the Sathyagrahis in about 5 minutes to the meeting place. You must all maintain strict discipline. Please do not stand on the road. Please confer your blessings on the Sathyagrahis by means of claps."

At 5-48 P.M., Thimme Gowda again attempted to get into the building but he was prevented by the Police.

At 6 P.M., both the Sathyagrahis got up from their places and proceeded to the maidan near the Bus Terminus, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore, followed by several persons. On the road they were garland--ed by A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

There were shouts of jais and "Down with Hamilton" prompted by Thimme Gowda and A.N.Suryanarayana Rao.

By 6-15 P.M., the crowd dispersed.

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

Mysore
Dated 23-2-39

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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S.B.No.142/38-39.

Proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Wednesday the 22nd Feb. 1939 at 6-45 P.M. About 1,000 persons attended the meeting.

After the singing of a Lavani by T.Narayana Gowda of Devanahalli Taluk Mr.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

The Hamilton Building Sathyagraha is being observed from eight days with great success which is entirely due to your support. Many Sathyagrahis have sat down in the scorching sun and have observed the Sathyagraha. We do not know the result of the Sathyagraha. Nothing is beyond the reach of man. We may reach our goal to-morrow if not to-day. It is the duty of a man to do his work. Though we are successfully performing the Sathyagraha, the Government do not care for us. Their hearts do not melt. I think that we have to observe more severe Sathyagraha. We do not intend to have a great commotion in our country. But we are fighting for a principle. This Sathyagraha is not aimed at any one. Some other speaker by name Mr.Suryanarayana Pandit will speak upon Khadi Propaganda, Harijan Uplift and other subjects. He is working in the Congress for the last 10 years. If the people work well under the guidance of the Congress, the Responsible Government will be achieved sooner.

Mr. Suryanarayana Pandit, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Mr.Subbaraya Upadhyaya has spoken something about me. Those remarks are purely personal. I do not want to say much. Now I will tell you the meaning of the Sathyagraha. I must say that the Sathyagraha is a thing which comes from God himself. It is a kind of fight and some kind of worship at the same time. Then what is the difference between Sathyagraha and a fight? In a fight, the weapons of warfare are used. In worship that is carried on in some Mutts, similar things namely elephants, horses and etc., which are used in warfare, are also used. The Sathyagraha is observed by the help of the soul power. But a fight is fought by the help of weapon of warfare. God himself prompts us to observe the Sathyagraha an

and as such we will have the blessings of God in the observance of the Sathyagraha. (At this time Messrs. T.Mariappa and S.Rangaramiah came to the meeting). Just as you visit temples in clean clothes so also you must come to the place of Sathyagraha. Here the word "clean" clothes has a special meaning. It means that you should wear hand spun and hand woven clothes. In other words, you must wear Khadi and come to places like these. You have shown your support to the Sathyagraha. In the same manner you must comply with my request and wear Khadi only. You must take an oath to wear Khadi only. Some people say that the Sathyagraha is not being observed in a severe manner. Before attempting to observe it in a severe manner, you have to pass some tests. How many people come to the meeting first of all? Among them how many wear Khadi. When greater number of people wear khadi, it menas that they are better prepared to observe the Sathyagraha in a severe manner. This opinion has been said by Mahatma Gandhi. In Bardoli, the Sathyagraha campaign was launched by Mahatmaji only on account of the support of those people to the wearing of Khadi. Again the same was the reason for the launching of Sathyagraha in Ancola. Then you may ask me the reason for observing the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha without observing Sathyagraha for the achievement of Responsible Government. That will be told to you by the other speakers. At least one or two among you must take an oath that you will wear Khadi only from this time. And you must support your leaders to carry on their work without any difficulty. I thank you very much for giving me a chance to speak in this place and I hope that you will comply with my request and wear Khadi only.

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

You will please excuse me if I speak in a low tone since my throat is not good. I think that this is the first time when we are delivering big speeches after the cooling down of the political atmosphere. There may be no use from speeches at this time. When the political atmosphere is cool, many people will not attend the meetings; but when the situation becomes hot many people will attend the meetings. First of all I had some different opinion regarding the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. I thought that it was not good

good to observe Sathyagraha for the removal of the name "Hamilton Building". At that time I placed my views before the Mysore City Congress Committee. I requested that this must be postponed for some other time. Before observing anything, the question of the observance of Sathyagraha was referred to the Working Committee of the State Congress. The Congress did not want to place any obstructions in the matter. They permitted the people to observe the Sathyagraha. The Congress did not want to take the responsibility; but it permitted the people of the Congress to observe the Sathyagraha in their personal capacities and not on behalf of the Congress. Some of my friends thought that the conditions of the country were not quite suitable for launching a Sathyagraha campaign. Now we have to examine the condition of the country from 1937-38. In the months of January and February of 1938 the political atmosphere was somewhat not. Many prohibitory orders were in force and many people went to the Jail after defying them. Then there was a change. The Shivapur Congress Convention took place. Then Flag Sathyagraha followed the Convention. Then the defying of the prohibitory orders assumed a very large proportion. Afterwards a compromise was arrived at between the Congress and the Government. In this period of calm atmosphere, we wanted to prepare the country for a next fight, if at all there is any one in the future. Now we have to see the mass consciousness, whether it has increased or not. And whether the people are ready to fight for the achievement of Responsible Government. Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Acharya Kriplani came here and negotiated between the Congress and the Government. They met the Dewan and the Congress leaders and then a compromise was concluded, according to which the Reforms Committee was given power to recommend Responsible Government to the people and all the prohibitory orders had to be withdrawn. For some more time there seemed to be no points of difference between the Congress and the Government. But now, we should say that the Maharaja acted a drama then. He pretended that he accepted the terms of the compromise. I am forced to say like that on account of the recent doings of the Government. In the terms of the compromise the Government have said that there were differences of opinion between the Government and the people as a

a whole. After the compromise there was a change in the policy of the Government. Then the Congress people framed a constitution according to which the reforms are to be introduced in the State and then sent it to the Reforms Committee. We did not want to bring up any deadlock. 7 Congress members attended the meetings of the Reforms Committee. Gradually the Government began to act in an indifferent manner. They never wanted to keep up the terms of the compromise. On the other hand they began to transgress the terms of the compromise. In Mysore, the prohibitory orders that were in force in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall and the Subbarayanakere Maidan were not withdrawn. They were withdrawn after a long time and that too after taking an assurance from the Congress leaders - Mr. K.T.Bhashyam and others. The deportation orders against Messrs. Gupta and Monniah were not withdrawn. Then there arose some suspicion in the minds of the Congress people regarding the policy of the Government. For this suspicion, the Government are responsible. Then some people told us that there is no use in remaining within the Reforms Committee, since it does not work speedily. It works for 3 days in a month. I think that it will be helpful for some members of the Reforms Committee to get a huge T.A. Instead of working 30 days in a month, they are wasting their time with a view to see whether there will be any difference of opinion within the members of the Congress. In this month the Reforms Committee have sat consecutively for 4 days - 20th, 21st, 22nd and 24th of this month. It is because of the high temperatre in the political field. At this time, we got the boon of the - Hamilton Building. Firstly it was decided that it should be named as Central Police Station. Then the Government changed their policy. We would not have cared for the name "Hamilton Building" if it was merely named without the words of the Dewan in the Legislative Council where he has said that he himself was responsible to name it, since he wanted to commemorate the good services of the Officer. This brought up a great deal of commotion within the country. There are many other places which are named after the names of Europeans such as Forbes Sagara. Many people have not been sorry for naming in that manner. He has not done so many bad works to the people. Mr.

Mr. Hamilton has said that he would trample down the people. He has really done it. In the Nariman Disturbances of Bangalore he said that he would restore peace even at the cost of shooting down fifty people. This naming of the Building as "Hamilton Building" is just like adding insult to injury There is no evidence to show that the Government named it accidently. About this point, my predecessors have told you already. In the Viduraswatha calamity he had a direct hand. Again the Government have separated one gentleman of the Congress members in the Reforms Committee. In this time, some people say that it would have been better if agitation had been started for the achievement of Responsible Government instead of observing the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. I was one of the persons who argued in that manner. Mahatma Gandhi used to launch Sathyagraha now and then in order to give some training to the people in the struggle of non-violence. That is why he launched the Salt Sathyagraha and the Forest Sathyagraha. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao might have thought in the same manner. Mahatmaji carried on many agitations in order to train the people in the art of non-violent struggle. Similarly, it might be said that this Sathyagraha will give us some training, for the future struggle. The people of the Mysore State are very much grieved about the naming of this building. Mr.Hamilton has not given even a single pie for the construction of the building. On the other hand he had done many bad works to the country. In the history of Mysore the letters of his name must be written in gold and it should not be written on white paper. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao might have thought that he would be giving some training to the people in this Sathyagraha. Most of you know that we will not get any substantial reforms from the recommendations of the Reforms Committee. It is the idea of Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. It does not mean that he wanted to give trouble to the people on unnecessary affairs. As my friends have told you at another meeting, the Neil Statue Sathyagraha was carried on in Madras. It is not the idea of Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao to create a critical situation. Some of my friends say that we may get some concessions regarding the parliamentary procedure and there is not much use from it as is seen in Kashmir and Baroda. Responsible Government will not come of its own accord. After severe struggle we may achieve it, after 5 or 6 years. That is the opinion

opinion of some of my friends. Is it ever possible to conceive the idea of getting Responsible Government for the mere asking of it? Many people must be prepared to sacrifice their lives for the achievement of Responsible Government. Is it possible for us to give an ultimatum to the Government to give us Responsible Government just as Herr Hitler gave an ultimatum to Czechoslavakia? Then the British Prime Minister ran up to Germany to talk with Herr - Hitler. The British Prime Minister is aged more than 70 years. Such a person ran up to Germany to talk with him. That kind of course to ahieve Responsible Government is not possible for us. Some other people say that we must await the report of the Reforms Committee. If we are not satisfied with its report, then a fight may become inevitable. That is the opinion of some. It does not mean that they are afraid of the Sathyagraha. But they want to await for the report of the Reforms Committee, and they do not want to make the Congress responsible for any act against the Government unnecessarily. They want to give many chances to the Government to commit mistakes. They want to begin the Sathyagraha after 2 months when the report of the Reforms Committee is forwarded to the Government. Some people say that the Congress are not carrying on this Sathyagraha; but some other Committee is responsible for the same. But I must tell you that the Congress has given permission to the Congress members to carry on the Sathyagraha in their own individual capacity and not on behalf of the Congress. In this connection the example of Haripur resolution is quoted. Mahatmaji said that the members of the All India Congress could take part in the agition of the Native States on their own individual capacity and not on behalf of the All India National Congress. Mahatma Gandhiji never utters falsehood. He keeps up his consistency at any cost. When the people were able to stand upon their own legs, when they were considerably educated he himself has said that it would be sheer cowardice if the All India Congress did not interefere in the struggle of the Native States. Sardar Vallabhai Patel sent his daughter to Rajkot. Mahatma Gandhi has sent his wife to Rajkot to take part in the movement of the people. The politicians have much foresight with which they will manage the affairs of the -

the country. We do not know much about politics. The politicians must change their policy according to the times. It has been said the Congress ministers may resign their posts and take part in the movement of the people of the Native States. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao might have studied the times and have thought it better to prepare us for the next fight. Now the Government has begun to show its real power. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao has begun the "Hamilton Building" Sathyagraha with the idea of preparing the people for the next fight. There is no mistake in doing that work. The Government will know our power. Naming this building as "Hamilton Building" against the wishes of the people is not good. If any unpleasant situation occurres out of the present condition, the Government are to be blamed for the same. In one year we have come very far in the Political sphere. Day by day the situation is changing. A severe agitation is going on in Rajkot. Mahatma Gandhi is showing the way to the movement of the people in Native States. Many of his friends are prepared to guide us in our fight. We want to remove the name "Hamilton Building" since it is against the public opinion. Our agitation in respect of a severe movement must be decided at Vidurashwatha. The Mysore State Congress has given permission to Mr. Tagadur Rama Chandra Rao to carry on the Sathyagraha. When the Political atmosphere is severe, thousands of people attend the meeting. This Sathyagraha is the training ground for the next severe agitation. Both in the morning and in the evening you have shown your hearty support in coming over along with the Sathyagrahis. There are many people in Mysore who think that this Sathyagraha is not justified since we have to fight for Responsible Government. But this is not a small matter. If you help us, in future also, as you are helping now, we will achieve our ends within two or three months. We will prepare ourselves for the next fight. (It began to drizzle and the people showed signs of dispersing). (Mr. Subbaraya Upadhyaya appealed to the people to take their seats and they should know that the Sathyagrahis sit in the hot sun during the whole day time. He introduced the Sathyagrahis of the day - Messrs: Srikanta Gowda of Mysore and C.S.Narayanaswamy of Krishnarajnagar Taluk. Both of them had defied the Prohibitory Orders

orders when they were in force in the Subbarayanakere Maidan a they had gone to jail.) Continuing he said :- "Regarding to-morrow's programme I must say that there are many people coming forward to observe Sathyagraha. It is very difficult to observe the Sathyagraha in the hot sun. We were doubtful of the success of our Sathyagraha. but our success is very great. Many people are coming forward from various places to help us. Before the list of persons who will observe Sathyagraha is completed, I think both the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha and the achievement of Responsible Government will be over. Till now we were objected that we were giving chances for young people to observe Sathyagraha. So, tomorrow we are sending some aged people. They are Messrs: Linge Gowda of Bangalore District, and Thimme Gowda of Nagamangala. Mr. Thimme Gowda is a father of 9 sons. You must give your support and blessings to these people. We are observing the Sathyagraha according to the lines laid down by Mahatma Gandhi. As long as we follow his principles there will be no danger for us. We must prepare ourselves for the next fight that will be raged throughout the country for which this "Hamilton Building " Sathyagraha is the training ground. I must request you to be calm while you ~~will be~~ are near the Hamilton Building. On behalf of the Sathyagraha Committee I have to make one request. To-morrow this meeting will be held in the maidan near the Bus Terminus, Mandi Mohalla. As usual the procession will start at 8 A.M., from Subbarayanakere." (Then the meeting terminated at 7-50 P.M., with cries of several jais.)

Sd/- M.V.Srinivasachar,
Stenographer, D.P.O.,
M y s o r e.
23-2-39.

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A. Rangaswamy Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.
23-2-1939.

D.O. No. T.C. 164/38-39. Enc: one report.

MYSORE,

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Dated 24th Feb. 1939.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
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Dear Sir,

FEB 27 1939
No. 6832 S.B.

I am sending herewith a copy of the Report No.142/38-39, regarding the arrival of Satyagrahis from outside the City of Mysore and arrangements made for their feeding etc., received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. M.
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For perusal.

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2nd member

25-2-39

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

SECOND BEARER
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SPECIAL REPORT

In connection with the "Hamilton Building" Sathyagraha about 30 persons in all have arrived in Mysore to offer Sathyagraha and are stopping in the house of Mr. M.N.Jois, where a board "Hamilton Building Sathyagraha Committee Office" is ~~being~~ hung during day time only.

It is ascertained that most of them belong to Mysore District while the rest have come from Hassan District, Bangalore City and District and Tumkur District.

Only two have come from out side the state so far. They are
1) A.S.Deshapande of Belagaum who is aged about 25 years, and
2) Abdul Majid of Trichinopoly who is aged about 22 years and looks like a Hindu. Both of them wear khadder panche.

Feeding arrangements have been made for the above persons at the following places :-
1) At Santhepet, in the hotel of Nanjamma, a Lingayet woman, for 17 persons.
2) In the Sathyagraha Office i.e., in the house of M.N.Jois for others. A Udupi Brahmin cook has been engaged for the purpose.

The expense on this account is met from public subscription collected in the Golaka. The daily collection come up to about Rs 10/- or Rs 12/- on average.

It is ascertained that f[illegible]th inst., they have collected about Rs 120/-. B[illegible] from the 15[illegible] the present Convener of Sathyag[illegible].Subbaraya Upadhyaya [illegible]aha Committee) is the Treasurer. [illegible]. an accoun[illegible] has been oper[illegible] not far from the Central Police Statio[illegible]aily to the/Sath[illegible] two [illegible]ed by Sathyagraha Committee to supply tiffin d[illegible] [illegible]agrahis.

[illegible]t is learnt that Mr. M.N.Jois is proceeding to Bangalore b[illegible] night's train to form a Branch of the "Hamilton Building Sathyag[illegible] [illegible]ce" with a view to start Sathyagraha in front of Public Offices, [illegible]lore.

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Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLI[illegible]
MYSORE DISTRICT

Abdul Aziz Khan, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

No. J. C.C. 66/38-39

Dated 24th February 1939.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
25 JAN. 1939
No. 6.13.8

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith, for the information of Government, copy of the Daily Report of Chennapatna Taluk North Range for 12-2-1939 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District.

For perusal.

Yours sincerely,

A A Khan

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Daily Report of Chennapatna Taluk North Range
for 12-2-1939.

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I beg to report that the Chennapatna Taluk Conferenc was held in the Town Hall, Chennapatna, this day. It commenced at 1-30 P.M. under the presidentship of the Sub Division Officer, Closepet. About 600 to 700 persons had assembled. The Deputy Commissioner Saheb came to this Conference at about 4-15 P.M. and continued the deliberations.

At 6 p.m. the Deputy Commissioner left the place on account of some other engagement. The deliberations were continued as before under the Presidentship of the Sub Division Officer, Closepet. The subjects as tabled in the printed agenda were discussed and decided.

At the end of the day's deliberations, Mr. V. Venkatappa with his followers brought to the notice of the presiding officer that some subjects sent by them have not been brought on the agenda and that they may be taken for discussion as the Deputy Commissioner has said that they may be brought up at the end.

The President held that they were matters of a contraversial nature with little benefit and disallowing them pronounced the Conference closed and left the hall at 6-40 P.M.

By this time, more than half the audience had left the place. Mr. V. Venkatappa spoke to the remaining audience numbering about 200 persons that the Conference has to be continued still and proposed Mr. T. Made Gowda to the chair stating that it was not proper on the part of the Sub Division Officer to have left the hall in the middle of their deliberations in

the way he had done.

Mr. T. Made Gowda took the chair:-

Mr. V. Venkatappa moved the following:

(i) That in their address to the Dewan presented on 25-2-1938 some of the people who claimed to be the representatives of the taluk have stated that scholarships and freeships had been granted for high school education on a very generous scale and that that fact was not in accordance with facts.

(ii) The very same people had requested in the address that Chennapatna taluk be added on to Mandya District if the formation of the District was a necessity etc.

Mr. V. Venkatappa in support of his subject No.1 spoke that 25% of scholarships and freeships given to the High School Education was not at all a generous scale. The education given for the last 10 years is given rise to 20% of what it was formerly including those persons that merely know how to write their signatures and classified such as literate persons. If the scale is raised to 75% if the free education is given then it may be said that it is generous.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Mumtax who had gone away with others hearing the speech came again and wanted to speak in opposition. The President gave him permission to deliver his speech.

Mr. Mumtaz spoke that what was mentioned in the address was perfect. During the scholastic career of himself Mr. V. Venkatappa and others in the local High School, the number in the High School

was so small. But, now the number of students is swelled to hundreds. Taking this into consideration, he has the least hesitation to support such a cause. He is one among them. But, there is no reason as to why the present scale cannot be considered as generous and as such, there is no necessity to pass any resolution condemning what has been included in the address etc.

Then, Mr. C.N. Reddy in seconding the subject No.1 and answering Mr. Mumtax spoke that the freeships and scholarships given at 25% is insufficient and so that scale was not generous etc.

Mr. Suryanarayana Rao in support of the same subject spoke that the education given was insufficient. There were very many poor students. The amount spent towards education is reduced from Rs.1,61,000/- to Rs.1,23,000/- while the education cess is being collected from all as usual. Therefore, in any way, it cannot be said that the scale of scholarship etc., is generous etc.

Then, Mr. V. Venkatappa again spoke on the same subject in answer to the opposition that nearly Rs.40,000/- is lessened towards the education. The amount of scholarship given formerly was reduced from Rs.6/- to Rs.4/- to Rs.2/- etc. Thus, the word generous in the address is not apt etc.

The President also speaking a few words in favour of the mover asked those who are in favour to lift the hands. About 40 to 50 persons lifted the hands. When the President asked if there are any in opposition of the resolution, nobody lifted the hands. So, it was recorded that the resolution was passed.

Subsequently, Mr. Mumtax spoke on subject No.2 saying that the mover of the subject are placing matters before the audience in a misleading way, giving a twist to the wordings put in the address regarding the formation of the District. It is mentioned in the address that if there was any necessity to form a new District, Madya as a Centre the proposal was that Maddur may be made a centre, as many of the Chennapatna Town and Taluk People have lands in that taluk and that it would be in the close proximity to Chennapatna Even those that ~~px~~ represented these matters in the address are not for forming a new District, at the cost of the ryots which comes to nearly Rs.37,000/- per annum. Even then, formerly, the income of the State was Rs.3 crores now it is risen to more than Rs.4 crores. So, there will be so many branches of work, which one Officer cannot deal when the income is risen so much, it matters little to spend a few sum and see to the speedy disposal of work. In those circumstances, if a District is formed at the discretion of the Government, it was only a suggestion to make Maddur as the Central Place for Kunigal, Chennapatna, Nagamangala, Mandya, Malavalli etc., instead of Mandya. In spite of it, at Mandya the District office building is already under construction etc. It was only with a view to see in the interest of Chennapatna people that there should be close proximity to Chennapatna, the centre of the new Didtrict etc. There is no need for any resolution etc.

Then, Mr. V. Venkatappa stated that the formation of a new District is a burden on the ryots as Rs.37,000/- is to be spent per annum merely for

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salaries of the staff etc. There were on many a time in the Legislative Council and Representative Assemblies to lessen the number of Districts. For instance, some of the Districts are very ~~xx~~ small. Hassan and Kadur could have been amalgamated and thus saved some expenditure which could have made use of for some other purpose to the benefits of the ryots etc. When there is a move for lessening the number of Districts, the Government is desirous of increasing the number with extra cost. Besides, the extent of the Districts is not so much when compared with that of British Districts. The Districts of Salem, Coimbatore etc., are four times bigger than our one District. When a Collector could manage such a vast District, cannot a Deputy Commissioner manage a small District etc.

Then, the resolution was recorded as passed when some 40 to 50 people lifted their hands in favour and nobody lifted hands in opposition.

The third subject was "that Responsible Government should be given immediately. At this stage, Mr. Mumtaz left the hall.

Mr. V. Venkatappa spoke that the system of present Government should be removed. There should be Government of people. People that were elected must form the Government - otherwise, it is impossible to tolerate the troubles given by the Officers. A ryot cannot seek redress from the officers of the present Government. He said further - [illegible] 124 A [illegible] [illegible] 15000/- [illegible]

In order to avoid all these, there should be Responsible Government etc.

This resolution also taken as passed as nobody raised hands in opposition and about 50 to 60 persons lifted their hands when the President expressing his view in support of the resolution asked as to who are in favour and who are not in favour of the resolution.

The fourth subject was from Mr. Sampath Iyengar of Honganur.

That hardship caused by payment of toll for cycles should be removed as the cycle discs are not given by the Chennapatna town Municipality for Rs.1-8-0 for cycles on the ground that they are not residents of Chennapatna town but one annas is being collected daily, even for the students that come to school. This should be got removed.

Mr. Ankugowda spoke on the subject and in short, stating that much hardship is felt by the students that come to schools on cycles by paying one annas tax every-day. Lot of taxes are being collected for everything. Persons that come to hospital for treatment, pregnant women come for labour to hospital, persons that go to Railway Station on carts and persons bringing dead bodies for post-mortem examination all should pay toll at the gates. Lot of injustice is being done by the Municipalities. There is tax in fact on every commodity that gets into the town - All these hardships should be removed etc. - what happens if the toll is not paid at all etc.

This resolution was recorded as passed on 60 to 70 persons having lifted their hands consenting the said resolution.

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Last subject was that the Conference records the intentional omission on the part of the Amildar by not bringing the above subjects on the printed agenda without reason and the attitude of the Sub Division Officer in leaving the hall abruptly without taking the subjects for discussion though the Deputy Commissioner had kindly said that these subjects might be brought up at the end.

The President speaking a few words on this stated that the above subjects had not been included in the agenda by the Amildar. The reason is unknown. Soon after the arrival of the Deputy Commissioner, when this was brought to his notice he was pleased to say that these might be taken up at the end. But, the Sub Division Officer, inspite of the assurance of the Deputy Commissioner left the hall abruptly expressing that the subjects were of contraversial nature and that he disallowed them and the conference was closed. These resolutions recorded will be sent to the authorities etc. He stated that anybody who has anything to say in opposition, might speak. Since nobody came forward, this also was recorded as a resolution passed.

Then, the concourse terminated at 7-55 P.M.

What I told them was that we will consider the question at the end of the listed subjects. I did not want to raise up the subjects as they were of controversial nature & much time would be wasted, as both parties were present & wanted to talk.

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

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ORDERS	OFFICE NOTE
DEWAN'S OFFICE 25 JAN 1939 M 1758	Sub Mr. Mehta shows as follows (5 p.m.):- The "Satyagrahi" is continuing as usual, except that the Satyagrahis attempt to enter the building, but on being stopped by the Police remain quiet. He has informed Mr. Sreyanarain Rao that if the "Satyagrahi" ~~being~~ continue to give trouble like this, he will be compelled to arrest them. This evening they are going to hold their meeting on the maidan opposite the Power House. Ce 25/2
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